

Never the Same: Coming to Terms with the Loss of a Parent

With Donna Schuurman, Ed. D., National Director of the Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Families

Two workshops from which to choose:

Friday, October 28

*Never the Same: Coming to Terms
with the Death of a Parent*

This full day workshop with Donna Schuurman will focus on the needs of those who have experienced the death of a parent as a child. The death of a parent during childhood is a pivotal life event that influences a person forever: you are truly never the same. But for too long, the specific needs of grieving children and the long-term effects of this loss have been ignored. Many children, as a result, carry a myriad of unresolved feelings into adulthood that can tinge every aspect of their lives. The information provided in this workshop will help adult survivors of a parent's death in childhood and give guidance to those helping children cope with the death of a parent today.

Schedule for Friday, October 28

- 8:00 Check-in and continental breakfast
- 8:30 Presentation
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Presentation
- 12:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 Presentation
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Presentation
- 4:00 Evaluations

This workshop is geared primarily for mental and healthcare professionals, and there is a registration fee (see registration form for details). Certificates documenting six hours of continuing education will be provided for participants.

Saturday, October 29

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A child can lose a parent in a number of ways including through death, divorce, absence, incarceration, military service, and illness. In this half-day workshop there will be opportunities to learn about the different parental losses and how to support and help children with these losses.

Schedule for Saturday, October 29

- 8:00 Check-in and continental breakfast
- 8:30 Opening and keynote address by Donna Schuurman
- 10:00 First Breakout
- 11:15 Second breakout (ends at 12:15)

Breakout Session Options

- Death of a parent for a child
- Death of a parent for an adult
- Divorce
- Military Service
- Incarceration
- Absence/Abandonment
- Dementia

This workshop is designed for any adult interested in helping children with the loss of a parent, and there is no registration fee or charge to participate. Registration for this workshop is requested. Certificates documenting up to three hours of continuing education will be provided for participants.

About the Presenter

Donna Schuurman, Ed.D., directs the Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Families in Portland, Oregon. Past president of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) and a member of the International Work Group on Death and Dying (IWG), Dr. Schuurman trains and lectures nationally and internationally on issues related to children and teens grieving through death. She holds a doc-

torate in counseling from Northern Illinois University. Her first book, *Never the Same: Coming to Terms with the Death of a Parent*, was published in 2003.

The Alliance for Grief and Loss is a community coalition of individuals and organizations who have come together for the purpose of increasing education and awareness about grief and loss issues. Alliance members include representatives from the Center for Good Mourning, Arkansas Children's Hospital, Kaleidoscope Kids, Pulaski County Special School District, Little Rock School District, Presbyterian Village, Baptist Hospice, Arkansas MADD, Alzheimer's Arkansas, Arkansas Hospice, Journey-St. Vincent Doctors, Griffin Leggett Funeral Homes, and CARTI.

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Location

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ, 10900 Rodney Parham Rd, Little Rock, 501-225-5818.



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Registration Information

For Friday, October 28

Postmarked by October 7

- Regular – \$60
- Student/nonprofessional – \$30

Postmarked after October 7

- Regular – \$80
- Student/nonprofessional – \$40

For Saturday, October 29

- No fee
- Registration requested by October 7

Cancellation Policy

Written requests for refunds postmarked or faxed to 501-978-6425 by midnight October 21 will be honored, less a \$10 administrative fee. No refunds will be made after that date. Participant substitutions are acceptable.

Registration form for both days

Name _____

Profession _____

Credentials _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

- I plan to attend Friday, October 28.
 Request vegetarian lunch for Friday, October 28.

Amount enclosed: _____
Please make checks payable to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

- I plan to attend Saturday, October 29.

Mail registration form to:
Center for Good Mourning
Arkansas Children's Hospital
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For more information please call 501-364-7000 or see
http://archildrens.org/community_outreach/center_mourning/grief_event.asp

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