Grief and Loss: Guiding and Supporting Individuals with Intellectual, Developmental and Other Disabilities Through the Experience

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Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EDT
Where: Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive an email with instructions on how to join the session.

Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Gain knowledge about grief and loss experiences for people with and without developmental disabilities.
2. Explore their own values and attitudes regarding grief and loss and people with I/DD and other disabilities.
3. Discuss factors that facilitate or hinder emotional healing.
4. Identify effective strategies for guiding and supporting individuals experiencing grief and loss, including individuals with I/DD and other disabilities.

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People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and other disabilities are often excluded from rituals and information about death and loss because of the false assumption that they do not comprehend death or experience grief and loss. Just like people without disabilities, people with I/DD also experience the death of family members, pets, friends and support service staff. They, too, respond to loss and share the same reality of death as the absence of life. This workshop will help providers and families increase their knowledge about grief and loss experiences for individuals with I/DD, and their skills on guiding and supporting them through the process, while accounting for cultural differences. **Instructional level**: Intermediate

Who should attend? Professionals and anyone interested in the topic. 3.0 Continuing Education Credits (Category 1) will be granted to licensed social workers and psychologists for attending the session in full and completing all requirements. A Certificate of Attendance will be made available for all other disciplines.

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