

# SUPPORTING CHILDREN LIVING WITH GRIEF AND TRAUMA: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

***OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) provides training to support professional development, enhance services to the community, and expand outreach to underserved victims of crime.***

***This training is designed for advocates who want to develop knowledge and skills to address the complicated issues that can arise when a child is exposed to a traumatic event resulting from a violent crime and provide appropriate services for children experiencing trauma and grief due to violence.***

Using a multidisciplinary team approach, victim service providers, mental health professionals, and law enforcement can improve existing services and create new opportunities to support children living with grief.

#### **BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS 2-DAY TRAINING, YOU WILL:**

- Examine how children perceive death, how they process grief and trauma, and how you can recognize the signs in children and support their recovery.
- Identify risk predictors that contribute to trauma in children and discuss how risk factors influence behaviors over time.
- Describe how culture, family, and rituals play a significant role in how children process the death experience.
- Examine the intervention process and responses to children and other survivors following a violent crime.

CEUs are available upon successful completion of the training.

## HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED

#### **APPLY EARLY.**

Request a training at least 90 days prior to the event date.

#### **LET PEOPLE KNOW.**

Conduct outreach to local and regional partners to participate in the training. Enroll up to 40 participants, but there must be a minimum of 30 participants at the training.

#### **FIND A PLACE TO HOLD THE TRAINING.**

Secure a training facility and cover facility costs (including audio-visual equipment).

#### **RELAX.**

OVC TTAC will arrange for the training event to meet your needs on your schedule.

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