



Dear OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center Community,

Our support goes out to you and your families during this unprecedented time of the Coronavirus pandemic and we hope you are safe and well. Please know that no matter what, we are a phone call away and while we may not be able to directly help, we can provide referrals for other resources. Call us at 888-417-1444 or check out our [COVID-19 Resource](#) page.

We continue to operate our staff, volunteers and existing grief support groups remotely. Below is an update about our services based on operations since the Safer at Home ordinance went into effect through Fall 2020. Please note as ordinances and government regulations change, we will adapt to meet the needs of our community.

### **Events:**

We are creating a unique virtual event that will take place on August 23 and will soon announce our new format. This will take the place of the following:

- Walk 'n' Run for Hope, originally scheduled for April 26, 2020
- Game Day, originally scheduled for October 5, 2020
- House of Hope Gala, Fall 2020

### **Programs:**

#### **Adult Grief Groups**

- Existing Grief Support Groups have been moved online.
- Starting 4/13/2020, we transitioned our existing groups to Zoom, a HIPAA compliant online platform.
- New Groups
  - New online groups will be starting in mid-June, beginning with those that were postponed due to our transition to online services.
  - We are continuing to schedule video conference pre-group appointments for people who are interested in participating in a grief support group that will start and end on Zoom.

#### **Adult Spanish Satellite Program**

- Existing groups transitioned to Zoom, a HIPAA compliant online platform on 4/13.
- New Groups

- New online groups will be starting in June for individuals who are interested in participating in Spanish grief support groups.

## **Children's Grief Groups**

- In-House Groups are being offered online.
- School Groups:
  - Offered online or in-person, with physical distancing, if school site can provide a safe space

## **Camp Erin LA**

- June session canceled due to COVID-19.
- August 28 session: Offering Camp Erin LA-At-Home, an online interactive experience. No longer accepting new applications for campers or volunteers for 2020.
- Information for those who've already submitted applications: Email [Talya@ourhouse-grief.org](mailto:Talya@ourhouse-grief.org) for details and view our webpage <https://www.ourhouse-grief.org/camp-erin/>

## **Education:**

- CEU Training August 12-14
  - Moving to an online experience -- details forthcoming.
- Professional Education Seminars
  - July 8: Supporting Grieving Children in the Age of Coronavirus (ONLINE) [Learn more.](#)
  - Additional offerings available by request both in English and Spanish. Email [ourhouse@ourhouse-grief.org](mailto:ourhouse@ourhouse-grief.org)
- Medical Education Program
  - We are continuing to evaluate with our partner, USC's Keck School of Medicine, on distance learning options

## **Volunteering Opportunities:**

### **Volunteer Group Leaders**

Since our services have moved online, so have our trainings.

- Children and Teen Group Leader Trainings
  - July 2020 Cancelled
  - October 2020 -- Online. Check back for details.
- Adult Volunteer Program
  - April 2020 -- Cancelled
  - July 8, 15, & 22 Training -- ONLINE
  - September 2020 Trainings-- ONLINE
- Learn More about Volunteering
  - We are committed to serving our grievers, and our volunteers who are essential to our work. We are always accepting new volunteer applications; you can learn more and apply [here](#)

## Camp Erin LA Cabin Buddies

- **Returning Volunteers Summit -- June 13<sup>th</sup>** Details to follow. Limited assistance needed for the August 2020 session.

### On-Site Grief Response:

- By request

We want to thank you for connecting with us during this tumultuous time and being patient as we ramped up operations from in-person, which we have done since 1993, to online, which we have been doing since April 13, 2020.

Our mission has always been to bring the community grief support services, education, resources and hope. We created this [COVID-19 webpage](#) for you, and please follow us on social media or call us if you need any additional information. Although we might not be seeing each other in person, know that we are with you, holding space for your grief.

We will continue to update you as we navigate these uncertain and vulnerable times. And if you have any suggestions or comments, please email them to [ourhouse@ourhouse-grief.org](mailto:ourhouse@ourhouse-grief.org)

Sincerely,

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center