



# NAGC|2021

Annual National  
Symposium on Children's Grief  
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## SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm EDT	<p>New York Life Foundation Reception</p> <p>Join us for a casual conversation with our sponsor New York Life Foundation and the NAGC Board of Directors members. All are welcome!</p> <p><i>Vicki Jay</i></p>
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Wednesday, June 16, 2021

11:00 am – 11:30 am EDT	W1 - Welcome and Announcements Join us to kick off our NAGC Symposium! <i>Vicki Jay</i>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm EDT (Choose one)	A1 - Community and School Response After a Teen Dies of Suicide: Is conventional wisdom wise? <i>Donna Schuurman, EdD, FT; Jana DeCristofaro, LCSW</i>
	A2 - How to Listen So Kids Will Talk and Talk So Kids Will Listen: Training and Supervision Tools <i>Lauren Schneider, LCSW; Marley Sims</i>
	A3 - Expanding the Language of Grief: Nonverbal Approaches to Engage Grieving Children of All Abilities <i>Jennifer Wiles, MA, LMHC, BC-DMT; Katie McGrail, MA, R-DMT</i>
	A4 - Incorporating Fun Family Programming Into Your Grief Support Program <i>Dana Minor, LPC; Gina Brown, LPC</i>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm EDT	P01 - The Power of Inclusion: Impact of Unconscious Bias on Excellence <i>Sonia L. Aranza, M.M.A</i>
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm EDT (Choose one)	B1 - Creating Grief-Sensitive Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic <i>David J Schonfeld, MD; Thomas Demaria, Ph.D.</i>

	<p>B2 - Bigger, Badder, Bolder and Louder: What Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers are Trying to Tell You About Their Grief <i>Patrick M. McKelvey, MSCP, LPC, NCC; Terri Bowling</i></p>
	<p>B3 - Rhode Island's response to the opioid crisis: A dedicated night to loss through opioids &amp; addictions <i>Ryan Loiselle MSW</i></p>
	<p>B4 - Revisiting Loss: Grief Triggers, Meaning Making, and Continuing Bonds Across the Lifespan <i>Lane Pease, MS, NCC</i></p>
<p>4:30 pm – 5:30 pm EDT (Choose one)</p>	<p>Professional Forums: Engaging Diverse Communities(C1), Hospice and Funeral Professionals (C2), Loss through Opioid and Addiction (C3), Executive Director (C4), Grief Activities (C5), School-Based (C6), Camps (C7), Hospital / Child Life Specialists (C8), Grief and Disabilities (C9) and Research and Evaluation (C10).</p>



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Thursday, June 17, 2021

11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT (Choose one)	D1 - Everything You Need to Start a Successful School-based Program in Your Community <i>Melissa Lunardini, MA, MBA, FT</i>
	D2 - Healing Through Creativity, a New Arts and Writing Program for Bereaved Teens <i>Donna Gaffney, Ph.D.; Tendo Mutanda, BAB.A.MS</i>
	D3 - The Grief Journey and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities <i>Jordan Park, LMFT-Candidate</i>
	D4 - Theoretical and Practical Approaches for Measuring Grief and Bereavement Support (Panel Presentation) <i>Andy McNiel, MA; Donna Schuurman, EdD, FT, Patti Anewalt, Ph.D., LPC, FT, Jillian Blueford, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, CT; Julie Kaplow, Ph.D., ABPP; Laura Moore, EdD, CHES, CCLS</i>
12:45 am – 1:45 pm EDT	W2 - NAGC Annual Meeting Join us for our annual meeting and find out what NAGC has been doing over the last year and is doing looking to the future. <i>Vicki Jay</i>
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm EDT (Choose one)	E1 - Effects of adding a parenting-skills focused program to services provided at community-based child bereavement agencies

	<i>Irwin Sandler Ph.D.</i>
	E2 - Heartbroken: Grief Programming for Young Adults and Adults Grieving an Addiction or Drug-Related Loss <i>Diana Cuddeback, LCSW</i>
	E3 - The Grief Spiral: Adapting nature-based rituals <i>Tina Barrett EdD, LCPC</i>
	E4 - COVID-19, Grief, and Anxiety in Bereaved Children and Adolescents <i>Pamela Gabbay, EdD, FT, Andy McNiel, MA</i>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm EDT (Choose one)	PK1 - 2020 Lessons Learned - Powered by PechaKucha: <i>Brennan Wood, Ashlie Evans, Karen Kirsch, Terese LaVallee</i>  PK2 - 2020 Lessons Learned - Powered by PechaKucha: <i>Elizabeth Carson; Pat Wong Connolly, MEd, MSS, LSW; Buffy Peters; Jennifer Wiles, MA, LMHC, BC-DMT; Katie McGrail, MA, R-DMT</i>  PK3 - 2020 Lessons Learned - Powered by PechaKucha: <i>Cindy Maldonado-Schaefer; Teresa Mendez-Quigley; Sarah Illiatovitch-Goldman; Sara Deren</i>



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Friday, June 18, 2021

11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT (Choose one)	F1 - Impact of Grief and Trauma on Juvenile Justice Involved Youth <i>Lamya Broussard</i>
	F2 - Exploring Resilience-Focused Therapeutic Songwriting for Adolescents who are Grieving <i>Dr. Katherine Myers-Coffman, MT-BC</i>
	F3 - Managing Energy, Not Time: Keys to Resiliently Coping with Grief, Loss, and Stress <i>Michelle Post, LMFT</i>
	F4 - Characterizing Childhood Bereavement: Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model (CBEM): 2021 Results and Applications <i>Micki Burns, Ph.D., LP, Laura Landry, PhD</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EDT (Choose one)	Regional Forums:  R1 - Region I: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut  R2 - Region II: New Jersey, New York, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia  R3 - Region III: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

	<p>R4 - Region IV: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin</p> <p>R5 - Region V: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas</p> <p>R6 - Region VI: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska</p> <p>R7 - Region VII: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming</p> <p>R8 - Region VIII: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands)</p> <p>R9 - Region IX: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington</p> <p>R10 - Region X: Canada &amp; International</p>
<p>2:15 pm – 3:15 pm EDT</p>	<p>P02 - Closing Plenary: Reclaiming Perspective: Critiquing the Dysfunctional Narrative of Grief  <i>Donna Schuurman, EdD, FT; Monique B. Mitchell, PhD, FT</i></p>