



Supporting Bereaved Children and Young People

A One Day Workshop

Between 4 and 7% of young people have experienced the death of a parent by the age of 16 and 78% of 11-16 year olds report having someone close to them die. For some young people bereavement and loss has a significant impact on their emotional wellbeing and ability to achieve their full potential. This course is run in collaboration between Leeds Bereavement Forum, St Gemma's and Sue Ryder Care -- Wheatfields Hospice and Leeds CAMHS. It is intended to increase awareness of grief in children and young people and their bereavement needs. All front-line professionals working directly with children and young people **within the Leeds area** are eligible to attend.

On completing the course participants will be able to:

- Describe the theory underpinning bereavement work with children and young people.
- Identify how developmental stages impact on the way children experience death.
- Demonstrate the use of a range of practical tools which can be applied to help children and young people both to cope with their emotional responses to grief and develop positive memories of the person they have lost.
- Assess when a young person may need specialist intervention and be aware of the range of services offering such support in the Leeds area.

The Trainers:

Dan Bordoley works at St Gemma's and Sue Ryder Care - Wheatfields Hospice as a children and Young People's worker he undertakes work with children, young people and their families when someone is seriously ill or there has been bereavement. **Sue Watts** is the manager of Leeds Bereavement Forum, which works to develop and improve bereavement services in Leeds. **Lydia Burfield** works for Leeds Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

Date: Wednesday 2nd July 2008

Wednesday 5th November 2008

Time: 9:30am (9:15 for coffee & registration) –4:30pm

Cost: Fully subsidised

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