

Lory's Place School Outreach Program Standards Contract-2021

The following Standards provide necessary clarity and structure to the collaborative effort between educational institutions and Lory's Place, in providing peer grief support services in school settings:

At the beginning of each school year (or when in the school year the relationship with Lory's Place and a school is initiated), the school will attempt to communicate to every student, the letter provided by Lory's Place explaining the services offered. This practice allows for all students to have open access to the peer grief support groups offered.

- Permission given by a parent/guardian must be added to the roster spreadsheet by the identified school staff member prior to the student being allowed to participate in the group. Please ensure that the information is completed in its entirety as this assists us with grant writing and funding.
- Lory's Place staff and school personnel will meet to determine group appropriateness of students.
- The school will provide an appropriate setting for the peer group to meet, including a room large enough to comfortably fit all students and adults in attendance and preferably tables and chairs which to sit at for group.
- Lory's Place staff members will coordinate the dates/times of the peer support groups in advance with school personnel, so the school is aware of the schedule of group sessions.
- Each school will be responsible to have the students who are on the roster, summoned and available to attend the group session on time so the peer group will both start and end on time.
- School staff members are always welcomed to participate in the peer grief support group, but it is not expected of them.
- If there is a change in the schedule of the planned peer group for whatever reason, it is expected both parties will inform one another as soon as possible, preferably with at least 24 hours notice, the exception being unfavorable weather situations.
- School protocols for behavior expectations will be mutually supported and respected. If there is a negative behavioral issue in a peer grief support group, Lory's Place staff/volunteer facilitators will report as such to the school administration for proper procedural handling.
- School personnel will provide Lory's Place by e-mail or fax with the updated spreadsheet, if a new participant has been added to the roster, so the above-mentioned group participation process protocol will be followed.
- Each of the peer grief support groups offered by Lory's Place are considered open and ongoing, meaning students, who express interest in attending the group and have permission by an adult in their life, may join the group once determined by Lory's Place staff/school personnel to be group appropriate. The death in the student's life does not have to be recent; it may have taken place long ago. The death must be of a person and may be a close or extended family member, or an important friend.

I have read and agree to implement the Lory's Place School Outreach Program Standards as stated above.

Name of School _____

Signature of School Personnel _____

Printed Name and Title of School Personnel _____

Date _____

Signature of Lory's Place Staff Member _____

Printed Name and Title of Lory's Place Staff Member _____

Date _____

