In 2018*, New York Life launched a groundbreaking program called the Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative® to better equip educators and other school personnel to support grieving students. Accredited K-12 public or private institutions are encouraged to join this growing network of schools striving to create a grief-sensitive culture for their students who have experienced the death of a loved one along with the entire school community.

Since program launch, we’ve helped schools strive to be Grief-Sensitive by providing OVER $2M in financial awards

OVER 4,200 schools are part of GSSI network

AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL IN 49 STATES is part of the GSSI network or has received GSSI resources

AN ESTIMATED 3.5 MILLION+ students have been indirectly impacted by program

OVER 4,000 New York Life agents and employees have been trained as GSSI Ambassadors

OVER 88,000 staff have participated in GSSI training

#1 REASON for hosting a GSSI presentation: Participating schools/educators had experienced at least one death in the last year in their school communities

Before attending a GSSI Presentation of participants had 7/10 received bereavement training.

GSSI network schools can be found in OVER 1,100 cities across the country

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING the GSSI network, visit www.nylgriefsensitiveschools.com

*GSSI piloted in 2016 and officially launched in 2018.