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### Grief Reach Overview

In 2011, seeking to address the gap in funding and resources, the New York Life Foundation, one of the largest corporate funders in the childhood bereavement space, partnered with the National Alliance for Children's Grief, a national, professional alliance dedicated to education, advocacy and raising awareness about childhood bereavement, to create Grief Reach - a competitive funding opportunity with the following goals:

- Increase access to bereavement support services in local communities, especially diverse communities
- Enhance the capacity of organizations providing bereavement support service
- Expand bereavement support services to address unmet needs
- Support communities dealing with grief and loss with tangible resources

Learn more about the 16 Grief Reach grantees that were awarded grants for this special school support cycle.



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# GRIEF REACH GRANTEES 2022

THE GRIEF CENTER OF



SOUTHWEST COLORADO

With Grief Reach's support, The Grief Center of Southwest Colorado will expand services in each of three districts through school-based groups and individual counseling for students who have suffered traumatic deaths or have complicated grief.



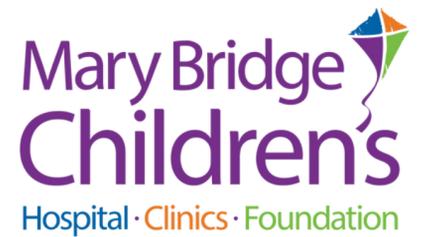
Grief Reach's support will help Kate's Club provide school-based support groups, training and resources to school staff, and grief education to parents and caregivers, better equipping them to support grieving students.



With Grief Reach's support, Billy's Place plans to increase access to bereavement support services in communities dealing with grief and loss with tangible resources.



Brooke's Place is striving to increase grief support education and services in the largest school district in Marion County.



With Grief Reach grant support, Bridge's Center for Grieving Children is developing grief curricula specifically customized for a Native American setting, in collaboration with Chief Leschi representatives.



This grant will enable Bridges of Hope to significantly expand its Sand Dollar Club School Support Services, which include camps, community rituals, and family workshops.



Healing Patch aims to ensure that more adults in contact with grieving children have the knowledge and skills to support them, and access to resources. The purpose is a more grief informed school and community.



Ryan's Place will provide grief support to local schools and a limited number of preschools in three different counties and at no cost to the individual, family, or school.



**EveryStep**

EveryStep's program is designed to appeal to preschoolers through high school students, with the intention of improving resiliency by reducing student social isolation and withdrawal, and teaching grief processing techniques.



The Bridge for students has been structured as a book club; it's goal is to give those students a creative and meaningful way to think about, process, and express their grief.



Building on 14 years of inroads made serving regional schools, Michael's Place, with the support of Grief Reach, will bridge the gaps in bereavement services by increasing access and expanding school-based bereavement support programs.



Uplift seeks to expand its school grief support initiative and training program to meet the overwhelming surge in demand while eliminating its waitlist for services.



Companions on a journey strives to build grief-responsive communities within schools through ongoing, comprehensive bereavement support that meets each child or teen wherever they may be along their grief journey, without judgement.



With Grief Reach grant support, S.H.E.D. Grief Tools will institute trainings for teachers in schools to expand the reach of accessible support provided to underserved youth by increasing awareness, knowledge, and skills in children's grief as socially just practice.



With the support of Grief Reach, The Tristesse Grief Center will launch new online teen groups in 2022, enabling students from across the district to join peer groups with other students experiencing a similar loss.



Kara's Journeys Program provides comprehensive grief support to school communities with the aim of making grief services more accessible to higher-risk and undeserved youth.

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