How to Make Referrals to Stepping Stones of Hope Grief Support Programs

Our goal is to make the referral process as easy as possible for the intervention specialist, prevention specialists, counselors, social workers, nurses, hospice workers and any other concerned adult in the community.

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of programs are offered?

The primary service provided by Stepping Stones of Hope, are weekend and day bereavement camps for kids, teens, adults and families. Camp Paz for Kids & Grown-Ups is held each April and October in Payson, REACH for teens each June in Carefree, and Camp Samantha for Kids & Grown-Ups each July in Carefree. Day camp programs for families are held throughout the year in Phoenix. Each March and September, a weekend for adults, Journeys....Pathways to Healing, is offered in Carefree.

A family support group, First Steps, is offered on the second Monday of each month at our office on 7th Street and Indian School. Any bereaved individual is welcome to attend First Steps.

What age children do you serve?

Children ages 6-17 who have experienced a significant death loss are the target audience, as well as their parents/guardians. Participation in the adult programs is not mandatory, though beneficial for the entire family. Adult programs run simultaneously with the children’s programs.

What is the cost?

We request a nominal $50.00 fee per participant for the weekend programs. The fee covers lodging, food, activity supplies and take home items. The requested fee for day camps is $20.00 per participant. Generous community supporters help underwrite costs. Partial scholarships are available. No family is denied services based on financial capacity.

What about transportation?

Stepping Stones of Hope does not provide transportation due to liability concerns.

What do I do after I've identified a grieving child or family?

Contact the family and let them know there is a community resource that you believe could support them in their grief journey. Ask for permission to release their name, phone number, and who died. Our website www.steppingstonesofhope.org is a great place to help a family make a decision when they are hesitant.
**What then?**

After gaining permission, either email our office at info@steppingstonesofhope.org or call the office at 602.264.7520 with the contact information.

**What happens now?**

A follow-up call will be made to answer their questions, recommend suitable programs, and facilitate the registration process.

**What about programs in Spanish?**

Stepping Stones of Hope does not provide services to mono-lingual families.

**Why Stepping Stones of Hope programs?**

Stepping Stones of Hope is unique in that it provides family bereavement camps and family support groups. We believe in teaching healthy coping skills, and empowering children and families. We embrace the fact that a child’s academic success is directly linked to their emotional well-being, and strive to help in building a cohesive family unit.

Our organization gives a voice to a child or family’s broken heart. We have a social responsibility to the families that entrust us with what is most precious to them – their children. Families often suffer from the deepest recesses of their soul, and Stepping Stones of Hope gives each and every child and family permission and validation to feel as they do; for we are their companions in grief and they are our teachers.

**How do I contact Stepping Stones of Hope?**

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