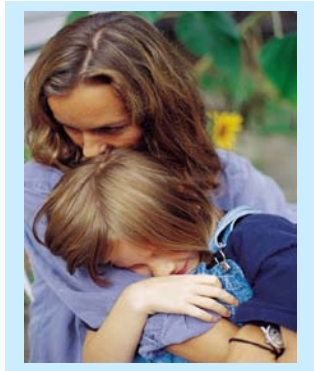


**3rd Annual Tri-State Conference on  
Grief and Loss**

**September 30, 2011  
8:30am-3:45pm**

**The Impact of Children's Grief  
on the Family:  
Grief, Hope and Healing**



**Betty Davies, RN, Ph.D  
Thomas Attig, Ph.D**

**Co-provided by Cincinnati Children's and  
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care**



**Description**

The death of someone close to us can shatter our security, often challenging our assumptions about the world or even our life's purpose. This is true whether the death occurred in the course of a "normal life cycle" or was an "out of order" death. This is also true for children who are grieving. Their grief impacts the family system as parents and other family members deal with their own loss while trying to support the child. The impact of the loss ripples out beyond the family to other caregivers, clergy, employers and educators.

This program will discuss adaptation to loss and how to help those dealing with grief, including children.

**Audience**

Aftercare providers, bereavement specialists, child life specialists, chaplains, clergy, counselors, educators, funeral directors, nurses, social workers, and anyone who works with the bereaved.

**Goal**

To enhance participants' knowledge related to the grief of children and the family system, including those who work with children and families so they may support those who are experiencing grief.

**Objectives**

- Identify ways of helping children cope with their grief
- Identify common myths and assumptions about grief in children and adolescents
- Describe the components of a model for thinking about children's response to loss
- Identify four responses of siblings to the death of a brother or sister
- Identify the goal of adult interactions with grieving children
- Identify lessons learned about caring for bereaved siblings that can assist caregivers in helping grieving children
- Describe how from birth we experience life events
- Describe how the bereaved search for meaning in their grief reaction
- Identify the four dimensions of grieving response as a process of relearning the world
- Describe how the bereaved can cope with sorrow rather than fleeing from sorrow
- Describe how the bereaved find meaning in the world of their experience
- Describe how the bereaved learn to love in separation

## Speakers

**Betty Davies, RN, PhD , CT, FAAN** is a Professor and Senior Scholar in the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco. Her professional career focuses on the areas of death, dying and bereavement, with particular emphasis on palliative care. She is the author of *Fading Away: The experience of transition in families with terminal illness* and *Shadows in the Sun: Experiences of sibling bereavement in childhood*.

**Thomas Attig, PhD** is the author of *The Heart of Grief: Death and the Search for Lasting Love* and *How We Grieve: Relearning the World*. He has written numerous articles and reviews on grief and loss, care of the dying, suicide intervention, death education, expert witnessing in wrongful death cases, the ethics of interactions with the dying, and the nature of applied philosophy.

## Location

Medical Education and Resource Center (MERC) Auditorium  
Cincinnati Children's—Oak Campus  
620 Oak Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

For directions from your location to the MERC Auditorium, go to:  
[cincinnatichildrens.org/maps](http://cincinnatichildrens.org/maps)  
Cincinnati Children's Oak Campus Map and Driving Directions



## Program

8:15-8:45	Registration and Welcome
8:45-9:30	Myths and Assumptions About Grief in Children and Adolescents
9:30-10:15	Goal of Adult Interactions with Grieving Children
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Lessons About Caring for Bereaved Children and the Impact on the Family
12:00-1:00	Lunch (box lunch provided)
1:00-2:20	Learning to Find Meaning While Grieving
2:20-2:30	Break
2:30-3:35	Helping the Bereaved Including Children Learn to Love in Separation
3:35-3:45	Evaluation

## Contact Hours

**Nursing:** 5.58 contact hours will be provided for those who attend the entire program and complete an evaluation tool.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (OH-046/9-1-12) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

**Social Work:** 5.5 clock hours for those who attend the entire program. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is an approved provider of social work continuing education credits by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. Provider #RSX 069302. Social Work Program Area: Human Growth and Development

**Counselors:** 5.5 clock hours for those who attend the entire program. This program is approved by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. Provider #MCX091101. Program Area: Human Growth and Development

**Funeral Directors:** 6.0 clock hours have been approved for Funeral Directors through the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Please refer to CCMS for additional information related to CEU's.

**Disclosures** Planners and presenters have no conflicts of interest related to this program. Commercial support or sponsorship - VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

## Registration Information

**Register and pay online!** It's fast, easy and convenient.

Go to: [www.cincinnatichildrens.org/ed/cme/ce-calendar.htm](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/ed/cme/ce-calendar.htm)

When paying online, you may use your VISA or MasterCard.

If you choose to pay by check: register online, print confirmation and return with your check payable to CCHMC/CPE-ED to:

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Cincinnati Children's  
3333 Burnet Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

**\$50** (lunch included)

**The program is free for chaplains and clergy by a generous grant from the Wilbert Foundation.**  
**Registration is required and you must register by September 21st to attend free.** The late fee will apply after September 21st.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011

**Late fee: \$75** after September 21

**No refunds**, but substitutions are permitted  
Confirmation letters will be sent to your email address. If you have questions about registration, you may email [sharon.herndon@cchmc.org](mailto:sharon.herndon@cchmc.org)

## Additional Information

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