

COMMUNITY GRIEF RESPONSE



The death of a coworker, fellow student, or other group member can be just as hard, or harder, than losing a family member. The death can leave the workgroup, classroom, or organization at a loss, yet we have very few social guidelines to help us deal with these situations.

Hospice of SLO County's Community Grief Response Team provides timely counseling support, consultation, and education about grief and coping with loss, including anticipating a loss and sudden death. Community Grief Response services are provided to businesses, schools, churches, government, and community agencies. Trained staff and volunteer counselors work with both children and adults and consult with groups and agencies on the approach that feels most helpful.

Services are usually provided at the group's own site but can be done at another location if more appropriate. Hospice SLO County's counseling services are available to participants after the initial community grief response, in case an individual wants more support.