“Traumatic Grief Responses through the lens of Death Notification"

Date: Tuesday June 23, 2020

Time: 1:00pm est-2:30pm est

Description:

This webinar is intended to give participants a better understanding of traumatic grief and the many different ways traumatic grief is expressed. We will use death notification as the backdrop of this training and explore real life examples of death notifications made by the West Palm County Sherriff’s Office. This training is intended to offer practical solutions for law enforcement and other victim serving providers and will be facilitated by a clinical social worker, a victim services advocate and 2 members of law enforcement.

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Recording Link: <https://victimsofcrime.zoom.us/rec/play/65ErJOurp243E4WV5QSDBPZ-W9XvKPms0XdP_foJnxuxAXhQY1DwZrMTZrTEZIT_alRC9_AbvhfbVXR9?startTime=1592931506000>

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Michelle Palmer is the Executive Director of the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing, a mental health agency specializing in issues related to grief/loss and trauma. Ms. Palmer has been living and working in the District of Columbia for seventeen years. Her professional areas of expertise include HIV/AIDS, grief/loss, and trauma. As part of the District’s mass casualty response, Ms. Palmer responded to the shootings at the Navy Yard including providing the death notifications to the families of seven of the victims. Ms. Palmer has provided trainings on issues related to grief/loss and trauma locally, nationally, and internationally.

She has served on a multitude of committees and task forces to address issues related to violent crime, including the development of the District’s Victim Services Mass Disaster Academy and Mayor Bowser’s Safer Stronger DC Task Force. Ms. Palmer received her Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Vermont and is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in the District of Columbia.

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