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Information Sheet

- An estimated 6.4 million children in the United States will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18
- According to the Judith Ann Griesse (JAG) institute, one in twelve U.S. children will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18 (Burns et al., 2020).
- In the state of Ohio, that number is one in ten.
- Research shows that bereaved children are at an increased risk of disrupted development. Unaddressed childhood grief and trauma can lead to short- and long-term difficulties including decreased academic performance, mental health issues, and early mortality.
- Peer support provides a safe place for grieving children, teens, and their caregivers to be met with compassionate support without judgment.
- We believe that no child should grieve alone, and that is why we seek to provide FREE peer grief support services in your community! Please help us make this vision a reality.

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