

Supporting Children Through All Types of Loss

The Avow Kids program, designed for children ages 5-17, provides support and companionship to children who are grieving the loss of a parent, sibling, friend, or relative through illness, accident, suicide or homicide.

Avow also helps children process and heal from other types of loss, including but not limited to divorce, the loss of a friend, instability in the foster care system, stress from global pandemics or events, natural disasters, and deployed parents and family members.

With the help of trained children's grief experts, children and their families have an opportunity to move through their unique experience of loss in a safe, supportive environment. All services are offered at no cost.



About Avow

Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, nonprofit hospice. Today, Avow's nonprofit companies provide palliative care consultations for people facing chronic or serious illness and hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults.

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Services We Provide



Community Members We Serve



Children's grief workshops in Collier County public and private schools during the day for children of similar ages and similar losses. Workshop activities include art projects, videos, storybook discussions, and sharing photos and memories to express emotions and concerns in a safe, supportive environment.

Group support online and in-person throughout the year. Please see the avowcares.org calendar for dates and times.

School assistance during times of crisis when there is a death of a teacher or student, or similar trauma.

Divorce Care support groups for children, teens and parents/guardians.

Consultations with parents to help them support their child in age-appropriate ways.

Community education on grief, loss and coping with life stressors.

Individual support for children experiencing loss, grief or difficulty coping who will benefit from brief, one-on-one interventions.

Monthly movie nights with snacks and discussion on relevant bereavement issues.

Family support groups that provide concurrent activities for children and their parents/guardians.



Day and overnight children's grief camps.



Designed with children and teens in mind, Aunt Janet's House is a freestanding home on the Avow campus. It provides a safe, fun, and adaptable space for kids to engage in group activities, art therapy, music therapy, and one-on-one sessions with our bereavement counselors. In our GLOW room, participants can write and draw their feelings with no inhibitions or expectations. Comfy, secure, and designed to help kids express their most difficult feelings for the greatest healing: that's Aunt Janet's House.


While many of the children and teens who participate in Avow Kids sessions have experienced the loss of a loved one through death, others have suffered from a variety of other losses. Our programs welcome kids and teens who could benefit from support because of:

- Divorce, family separation
- Family insecurity because of illness, financial challenges
- Fear, loss of security or sadness from the COVID-19 pandemic, global crises or natural disasters
- Change in residence, school, or loss of friends
- Unexpected death or serious illness of a loved one
- Loss of a pet

Our counselors also support the adults who are influential in young people's lives, including:

- Parents and guardians who need guidance on supporting their child through loss.
- School support, individually and in group sessions, in close collaboration with Collier County Public Schools counselors/psychologists. Support can be tailored to what counselors/psychologists need, such as developmentally appropriate grief support, grief overviews, how-to sessions for working with grieving kids, and coping skills training workshops.

Not sure if Avow Kids is right for your family?
Give us a call and we'll show you how we can help.



Children have unique reactions to grief and loss. They need guidance to navigate their complex feelings and to understand loss in the contexts of their lives and their family relationships. As young persons with limited life experience, children need special tools to cope with grief. It is our mission to provide them to children and families in need of support.



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