



2025 Scholarship Opportunity

Understanding the Grieving Client: Familial and Traumatic Loss Grief Certificate*

Virtual Training Presented by Grief Expert, Jennifer Vazquez, LCSW

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Three full scholarships for this certificate program (including 15 clinical CEs) are available through the fundraising efforts of **Love From Lydia**, a 501(c)(3) organization. The mission of Love From Lydia is to provide support to grieving families following the loss of a child. This includes encouraging mental health professionals to seek out specialized training in grief, loss, and trauma, increasing the competency and availability of trained individuals to help bereaved families more effectively. The scholarships are given in memory of Lydia Schwartz.

Eligibility

- Master's level mental health professionals who have graduated from their master's program within the last five years
- Licensed (i.e. LSW, LCSW, LAC, LPC) in either **New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania**. If the applicant is not licensed, they must have graduated within the last six months and have passed the licensing exam in their field.
- Interest in working with grieving families, particularly with parents who have experienced the death of a child
- Special consideration will be given to those clinicians working in community mental health agencies, in-network with government and commercial insurances, and/or offer low-cost or pro bono sessions. If this is applicable, please include this in the application.
- Must commit to attending **all** of the following virtual workshops from 10am-1pm:
 - 9/10/25- Introduction to Grief Therapy: A Framework for Treatment
 - 10/1/25- Grief and Death of a Spouse
 - 10/29/25- Grief and Death of a Child
 - 11/19/25- Grief and Frontline Workers
 - 12/3/25- Grief and Ambiguous Loss

*Love From Lydia is not involved in the planning or implementation of this grief certificate program.



Expectations if Offered the Scholarship

- Share feedback on the training.
- If available through your practice, you will be included on a referral list of providers given to families looking for therapeutic services.
- We ask that you either offer **one** pro bono consultation to a bereaved parent through the COPE program or offer **one** 45 minute virtual presentation or group for bereaved parents through Love From Lydia. This can give you the opportunity to use what you have learned and put it to practice. Please know that Danielle will gladly co-facilitate with you if you are not comfortable presenting on your own. **Offering this service to help others is strongly encouraged but not required.**

Applications must be submitted by August 1, 2025 and will be reviewed by the Love From Lydia Executive Board. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified no later than August 22, 2025.

Application

Please include your resume along with responses to the questions below to Danielle at
lovefromlydiaorg@gmail.com

Questions:

1. Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in applying for this certificate program.
2. How do you expect to use the knowledge you are gaining from this certificate program in your future work?
3. Do you have any personal experience with grief? If yes, and are comfortable doing so, please share about that special person (or people) who has (or have) died.

Please note that choosing not to share will in no way impact your application.