

# Ethical Considerations for Working with Children Anticipating a Death

## synopsis:

The process of dying presents many challenges to individuals and families impacted by a life limited illness or terminal diagnosis. When children are present and part of the immediate situation, family members and professionals sometimes are at a loss as to how to connect with, involve, or talk to children about the realities of the situation.

This conference will explore the ethical implications of supporting children who are anticipating the death of a parent, the death of a sibling, or their own death. Our three presenters will provide practical information and advice for caring for children in the face of a terminal diagnosis. They will share information about how to talk to children about death, how to include children in rituals, and ways to offer support throughout the dying process.

## sessions/speakers:



**Session I:**  
**When A Parent is Dying... Honesty is an Ethical Imperative**  
Patti Anewalt, PhD, LPC, FT  
Director, Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, Mount Joy, PA



**Session II:**  
**The Other Kids-Ethically Supporting Siblings Experiencing Anticipatory Grief**  
Taryn Schuelke, CCLS, CPMT  
Bereavement Specialist, Palliative Care Service Team  
Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX



**Session III:**  
**Developmental and Ethical Engagement in Children Experiencing Anticipatory Grieving, Ambiguous Loss and Life Limiting Illness**  
Jeanine Clapsaddle, MA, LMFT, CCLS  
Clinical Supervisor for Child Life, Music Therapy and Healing Arts  
Arnold Palmer Medical Center, Orlando, FL

## when:

Thursday, November 2, 2017  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Check-in and meal at 10:30 am

## location:

Texas Children's Pavilion for Women  
6651 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77030  
Conference center, 4th floor  
Valet parking complimentary

## cost:

\$25 with 4.5 CEUs for Psychologists, Counselors, MFTs and Social Workers  
\$5 student rate  
Food and valet parking complimentary

## to register:

<http://tinyurl.com/BosPlaceNAGC2017>  
Pre-registration required (space is limited)

## questions:

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