Bo's Place, the National Alliance for Grieving Children, and the New York Life Foundation present: Understanding the Impact of Death, Dying, and Bereavement among Urban Youth Populations

## synopsis:

For Children's Grief Awareness Month, Bo's Place, in collaboration with the National Alliance for Grieving Children, will host a Fall Webcast on Children's Grief.

Death, dying, and bereavement in urban communities are themes that appear almost daily in news headlines. Rarely, however, is there any discussion on a national level as to how this impacts the lives of children and teenagers living in urban communities. Death in the family and in the community has a huge impact on the daily lives of urban youth.

This presentation will provide insight into the challenges faced by urban children and teenagers grieving the death of people in their lives and in their communities. A panel of three professionals living and working with children and teenagers in high need urban communities will share their personal experience working with this population. They will share information about the impact of grief on the lives of urban youth, and provide insight into how to help bereaved youth in the urban community in culturally informed and sensitive ways.

## panelists:

#### Leon Henry (Baltimore, MD)

Leon is the Violence Reduction Manager for Operation Cease Fire, an initiative specifically aimed at reducing youth gun violence. Mr. Henry brings over 25 years of experience working in under-served communities, with an emphasis on addressing community responses to violence in their neighborhoods.

#### Alesia K. Alexander, MSW, LCSW, CT (Atlanta, GA)

Alesia is the founder and Executive Director of Project KARMA, Inc., a non-profit organization created to support at-risk young people aged 5-18, facing loss and possible gang involvement.

#### Kaaren Andrews (Seattle, WA)

Kaaren earned her bachelors from Princeton University in 1993 and went on to earn her masters in educational policy from Stanford University in 1999. Currently, Kaaren is the principal at the Interagency Academy, Seattle's "last-chance high school", an alternative high school for at-risk teens.

### when:

Thursday, November 3, 2016 11 am - 4:00 pm Lunch and Snacks provided

## location:

Bo's Place 10050 Buffalo Speedway Houston, TX 77054

### cost:

Free without CEUs \$25 with 4.5 CEUs

# to register:

Online: http://tinyurl.com/NAGC2016Webcast Email: valencia@bosplace.org Phone: 713-942-8339

Pre-registration required (space is limited)



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