



Facts about grieving children:

One out of every 20 children will have a parent die before graduating from high school. In Broward County alone, this number translates to over 20,000 children. This does not include children grieving the death of a sibling, grandparent, close family member or friend. Sadly, the tragedy for these children is twofold: first, the devastating death of a loved one and second, their needs that are not recognized, understood or adequately supported by society.

Children grieve in their own language which is through symbolic play. Often, their caregiver is too distraught in their own grief to recognize that the children need support. Without support to guide a child through healthy avenues of expression in dealing with their grief, grieving children are at greater risk of developing behavioral and emotional problems such as anxiety, substance abuse, poor academic performance, aggression, fear of death, low self-confidence, social isolation, depression and self harm including suicide.

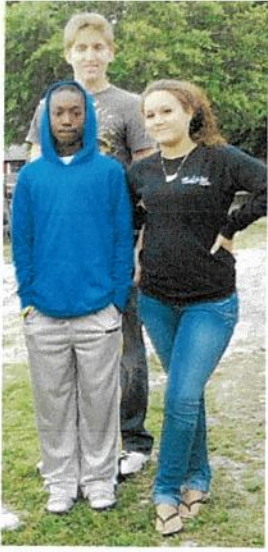
Supporting bereaved youth is an investment in our community's future. A Columbia University 2005 survey of 300 incarcerated adolescents indicated that 96% had experienced the death of someone significant in their lives. Equally as startling is that they also found that 92% of young people in drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs had experienced the death of someone significant.

Facts about Tomorrow's Rainbow:

Background Tomorrow's Rainbow was the vision of its founder, Abby Mosher, after a family tragedy identified the lack of understanding and support provided in our community for the forgotten mourners, bereaved children. The mission is to provide educational and emotional support and guidance to grieving children and their families. The Tomorrow's Rainbow Ranch is the home of the first grief center of its kind to incorporate the time tested best practices of facilitated peer support with the therapeutic use of miniature horses. In October 2005, Tomorrow's Rainbow began providing grief support programs by utilizing facilitated peer support groups, miniature horse interactions and therapeutic play, free of charge, to children and their families that had experienced the death of a loved one. Since then, one support group per week quickly grew to 14 bi-weekly groups with thousands of families having experienced the comprehensive and innovative approach to grief support that occurs at the Tomorrow's Rainbow Ranch. In a short time, Tomorrow's Rainbow has grown from a vision of its founder, to a highly respected program that receives daily referrals from schools, hospice organizations, funeral homes, doctors and social agencies.

Need Tomorrow's Rainbow is the only stand alone children's grief center in Broward and Palm Beach County. The impact of raising awareness regarding the needs of bereaved children coupled with an excellent reputation in the community and among social agencies has resulted in an overwhelming number of referrals to the organization. Tomorrow's Rainbow is funded primarily by private and corporate donations. The organization has a staff of 2 full time employees, 1 part time employee and over 200 active volunteers. This invaluable resource will only continue to exist with community support, awareness and advocacy.

www.TomorrowsRainbow.org



Teen Grief Support Group

Peer Support Group for
MSDHS students

A grief support group that understands the way teens grieve. This is a closed group for students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School only. Additional support groups are being added.

No judgement, no advice, no interpretation, no teaching, no preaching... Tomorrow's Rainbow understands that, with support, we all have the innate ability to heal after the tragic death of somebody important to us. Join around the fire pit, eat pizza, drink soda and support one another through grief.

See why Tomorrow's Rainbow is the premier resource for grieving children, teens and their adults in our community. Experience the healing that occurs when camaraderie is combined with compassion and time tested, best practice bereavement services. Please join us!

- WHEN:** Beginning Wednesday, March 14, 2017
- TIME:** Pizza & socializing begins at 5:30 PM. Group is from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.
- WHERE:** Tomorrow's Rainbow, 4341 NW 39th Avenue, Coconut Creek, FL 33073
- COST:** Free. Tomorrow's Rainbow does not charge a fee for support groups.
- DURATION:** Open-ended
- REGISTRATION:** You may register at anytime. Call Marla Berger, LMHC at 954.978.2390



Tomorrow's Rainbow opened its doors in 2005 to fill a void in Broward County for age appropriate grief support services. Our groups are offered to children and teens ages 3 to 18 years old along with their adult caregivers to ensure that the entire family unit is being supported. In 12 years, Tomorrow's Rainbow has provided grief support for thousands of bereaved youth in our community by infusing the therapeutic use of horses into the best practice model of facilitated peer support. Tomorrow's Rainbow never charges a fee for support groups and is funded solely by private donors, foundations and corporate donors. Children do grieve. We understand how.



954.978.2390

www.TomorrowsRainbow.org