

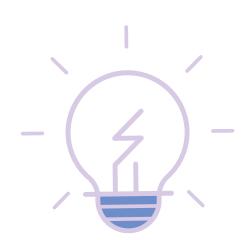
# THE KENTUCKY CENTER FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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#### WHO WE ARE:

The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families is Kentucky's only child and family focused bereavement center. No child should grieve alone. The KCGCF is a safe and caring space where young people can grieve and grow.





#### **OUR GOALS:**

- To establish community-based grief support groups for children and youth across the Commonwealth
- 2) Through education and trainings, ensure that Kentucky's K-12 schools are grief-sensitive spaces
  - 3) To increase grief-specific education, training, and practicum placements for Kentucky's mental health and medical practitioners
- 4) To work closely with key state officials and policymakers to create and fund programs to support grieving children and youth

#### STATISTICS:

- 1) Kentucky ranks #5 in the nation in childhood bereavement
- 2) Children with deceased fathers are 18% less like to attend college

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#### **CONNECT WITH US**

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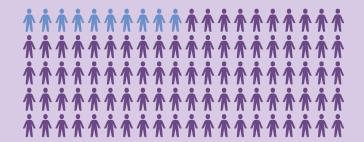
# EDUCATE YOURSELF



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lose a parent or sibling before the age of 18

## KIDS IN KENTUCKY



ADULTS AGES 35-44



who lost a parent before age 19 are more than 35% more likely to suffer from poor health outcomes

19% OF BEREAVED CHILDREN

will be suspended, expelled, or have to repeat a grade in school



### **HEALTHY VS. DISRUPTED DEVELOPMENT**

Good health, strong relationships, school success, job stability, self-sufficiency

Mental health concerns, relationship difficulties, academic problems, reduced resilience / selfesteem, early mortality



#### **IMPACT OF COVID-19:**

An estimated additional 17-20% of youth will be parentally bereaved from Covid.





An additional 30% of youth of color will be bereaved.