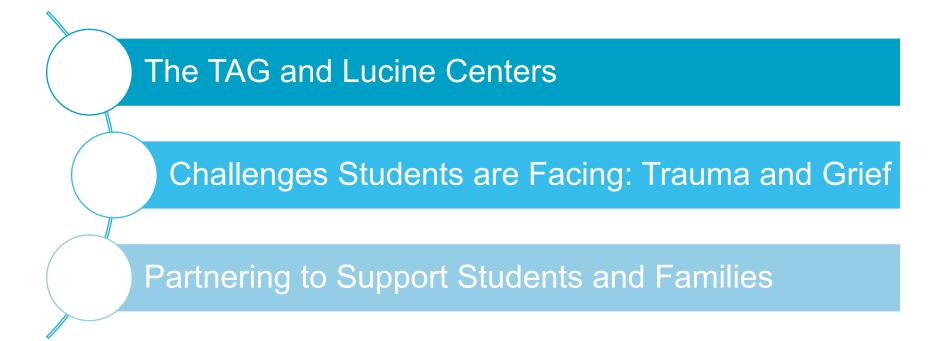
Supporting Student Mental Health and Wellness

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute's Trauma and Grief Center

The Lucine Center for Trauma and Grief

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Overview



Trauma and Grief (TAG) Center

Executive Director: Julie Kaplow, PhD, A.B.P.P.

MENTAL HEALTH
POLICY INSTITUTE

TRAUMA AND GRIEF CENTER

DEVELOPMENT

of evidencebased assessments & interventions for youth who have experienced traumas and/or losses

TRAINING

and professional
education in
trauma and
bereavementrelated topics and
interventions

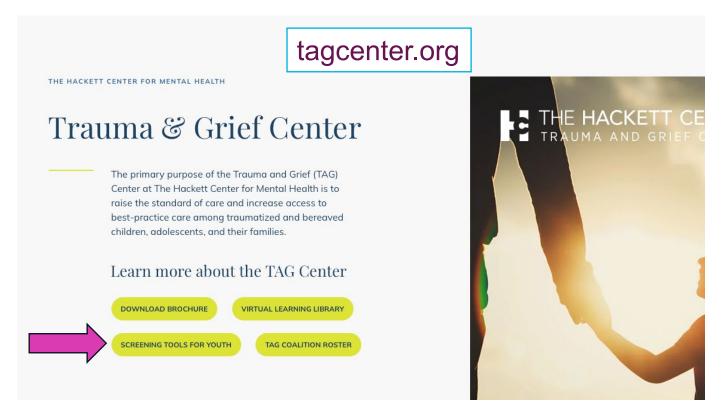
RESEARCH

on children's needs and strengths in response to trauma and loss, and on treatment effectiveness

POLICY

recommendations
based upon
trauma- and
bereavementinformed best
practices

Brief Screening Tools



Lucine Center for Trauma and Grief

Lucine Center for trauma and grief About Our Team Resources Professional Workshops Appointments Contact You are not alone. A traumatic event or loss can make a child, teen, or young adult feel like they're surrounded by darkness. Let us help light the way toward hope and healing. Begin your journey 🔿

http://lucinecenter.com

What is Trauma?

The experience of a real or **perceived** threat to life or bodily integrity

the life or bodily integrity of a loved one

AND

causes an **overwhelming** sense of terror, horror, helplessness, and fear

Traumatic stress is a "normal" response to an abnormal event.



Why Focus on Bereavement?



Most frequently reported type of trauma in clinic-referred youth

(Pynoos et al., 2014)



Most common form of trauma worldwide (Burns et al., 2020)



Most distressing form of trauma among adults and youth in the general population

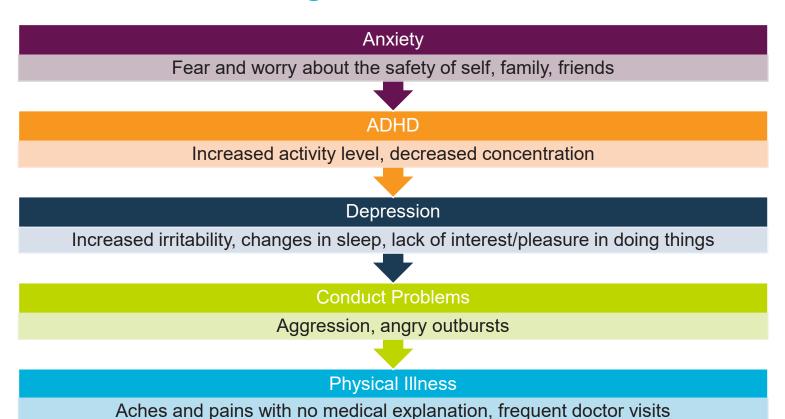
(Breslau et al., 2004; Kaplow, Saunders, Angold, & Costello, 2010)



Strongest predictor of poor school outcomes above and beyond any other form of trauma

(Oosterhoff, Kaplow, & Layne, 2018)

Traumatic stress and grief reactions can look like...



When a Client is Referred to the Lucine Center

Family connects with the Intake Coordinator

Clinician completes a caregiver interview

Clinician completes an assessment with the client

Clinician reviews assessment results and recommendations with the caregiver and client

If trauma or grief services are recommended, then therapy begins

Trauma and Grief Component Therapy for Adolescents

Saltzman et al., 2017

Module I

- Group Cohesion
- Psycho-Education
- Basic Coping Skills
- 8 Sessions

Module II

- Trauma Processing
- Session number depends on participants

Module III

- Grief Processing
- 6 Sessions

Module IV

- Resuming Developmental Progression
- Moving Forward
- 4 Sessions

- Sessions are designed to be done one session per week
- 45-60 minute sessions
- Can be flexibly tailored to fit the needs of your setting ("flexibility within fidelity")

Multidimensional Grief Therapy

Kaplow et al., 2023

Phase 1 (Tier 1): Learning About Grief

- Sessions 1-6
- · Identify dimensions of grief
- Understand how grief changes over time
- Identify loss and potential trauma reminders
- Enhance emotion regulation and cognitive coping skills
- Can be administered by a non-mental health professional

Phase 2 (Tier 2): Telling My Story of Loss

- Sessions 7-10
- Creation of loss narrative
- Focus on each dimension of grief
- Enhance ongoing connection, legacy-building and meaning-making
- Promote caregiver grief facilitation
- Typically administered by a mental health professional

The Importance of Engaging Caregivers and Family Members

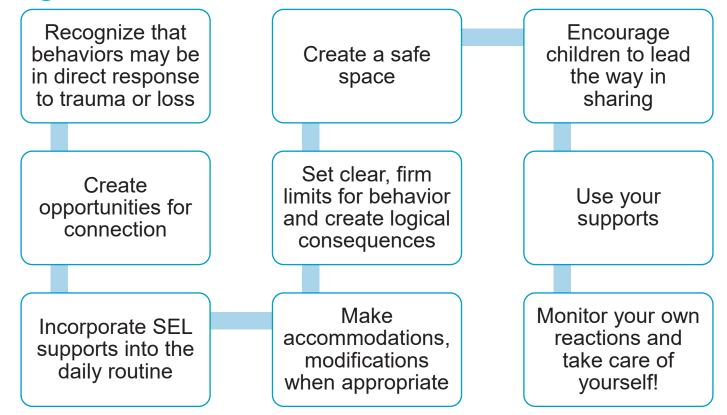
Build trust with child, caregivers, and other family members

Listen to child and family's primary concerns

Focus on aspects of support that relate to the child and family's expressed values

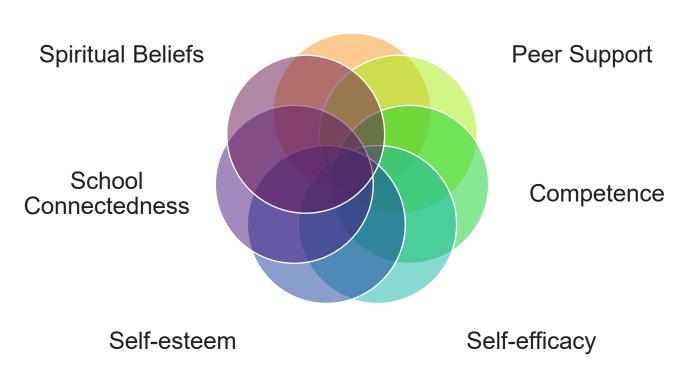
When referring to other services consider assisting the family in contacting the referral

Creating a Trauma- and Grief-Informed Environment



What Promotes Resilience in Youth?

Family Support



Contact the TAG Center

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