

# Bereavement support for families and professionals

## WHEN

Wed, February 20, 2019

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND · CDR/FIMR Coordinators and Team members · Abstractors · Interviewers · Maternal Child Health Professionals · Those working with families following an infant or child death



## GUEST SPEAKERS:

Sony Fermín, MSW, LCSW  
CDR, USPHS, Healthy Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) Acting Chief, Healthy Start East Branch

Rose Winchell, MSW, LSW  
Bereavement Care Coordinator  
Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Nichole Schwerman-Stangel, MA, MS, LPC, CT  
Bereavement Coordinator/CISM Coordinator  
Children's Hospital of WI

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### Questions?

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## WHY ATTEND

Fatality Review personnel, caregivers, and workers dealing with bereaved families often express their need to know more about how to communicate with and provide services for families following an infant or child loss. This webinar will provide an overview of the types of infant and child loss, best practices for supporting families, expressions of grief, and how to recognize complicated grief reactions. The webinar will conclude with tips for processing our own feelings on grief and loss, vicarious trauma, and resources for self-care.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Sony Fermín, MSW, LCSW. CDR, USPHS

CDR Sony Fermín is the Acting Chief of the Healthy Start East Branch, within the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services. In this role, she provides programmatic guidance to grantees under the Federal Healthy Start Program. Her responsibilities include assisting grantees with technical oversight and monitoring programmatic progress to reduce infant mortality in vulnerable populations. Sony also served as a Public Health Advisor in the Division of State and Community Systems Development, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In this capacity, she had the responsibility for monitoring and managing over \$29 million in grants annually for the Protection and Advocacy of individuals with serious mental illness and serious emotional disturbance.

**Guest Speaker:** Rose Winchell, MSW, LSW, Bereavement Care Coordinator  
Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Rose Winchell is the Bereavement Care Specialist at the Medical Examiner's Office. Rose is a Licensed Social Worker and has worked with families and children exposed to traumatic events as well as grief and loss for almost 10 years. Rose offers clinical expertise in complicated grief and traumatic loss and psychotherapy to Philadelphia families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Her work is primarily composed of assisting families through the identification interview process at the MEO and conducting home visits with families who have lost an infant. Rose works with the MEO department in fatality review team meetings, involving a multidisciplinary group with the common goal of achieving a better understanding of the circumstances surrounding these deaths, and managing the impact it may have on individuals and families. Rose discusses the measures of social outreach and engagement in order to identify any gaps in community services. Rose has spent several years as a therapist working with families of homicide survivors and has extensive training in crisis intervention implementation and psychodynamic psychotherapy.

**Guest Speaker:** Nichole Schwerman-Stangel, MA, MS, LPC, CT, Bereavement Coordinator/CISM Coordinator, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Nichole Schwerman-Stangel, MA, MS, LPC, CT, is the Bereavement Coordinator/CISM Coordinator at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and previously served as the Grief Services Coordinator at MargaretAnn's Place, a center for grieving children and their families. She is certified in Thanatology by the Association of Death Education and Counseling. She is the co-author of "A Holistic Approach to Supporting Staff in a Pediatric Hospital Setting" published in *Workplace Health & Safety* (Sept. 2012). She is chair of the Southeast Wisconsin Grief Network, a member and educator for Traumatic Incident Resource (TIR), a non-profit whose purpose is to respond to critical incident stress events with education, intervention, and care for emergency response personnel in Southeastern Wisconsin. She regularly teaches Group Crisis Intervention and Assisting Individuals in Crisis classes, as well as QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) workshops, an emergency mental health intervention for suicidal persons. She has taught for Marion University as an adjunct instructor and has guest lectured at Mount Mary University, University of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Area Technical College. She frequently presents at local, state and national conferences.

## ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

### **Webinar Host Organization: The National Center for Fatality Review & Prevention**

The National Center for Fatality Review & Prevention (NCFRP), a program of the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), is funded by the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau to provide training, technical assistance, and data services to CDR and FIMR programs around the country. The Center uses on-site and remote consultations, web-based trainings, and an interactive website to support review programs. The Center also develops and disseminates materials. Support focuses on assisting teams to improve their effectiveness in moving from review findings to policy, practice, and prevention improvements. NCFRP also works with numerous national partners to help translate review recommendations into action.