

REFERRAL FORM

Referral date: mm/dd/yyyy

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Family Consents to Referral Yes No

Family heard about Centre from (Doctor/School/Online/Friend/Other): _____

REFERRER INFORMATION:

Name of referrer:	Organization:
Contact details:	Profession: <input type="checkbox"/> RN <input type="checkbox"/> Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Other

CHILD AND FAMILY INFORMATION (complete all appropriate boxes):

Name of guardian/custodian:		Address (incl postal code):	
Relationship to child(ren):	Date of birth: mm/dd/yyyy	Preferred phone: _____ Alternative phone: _____	

Name of dying/deceased:		Gender	Relationship to children:
Diagnosis:	Prognosis:	Cause of death:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient aware?	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient aware?		
Date of birth: mm/dd/yyyy		Date of death: mm/dd/yyyy	

Full name of child (including last name)	Age	Date of Birth	Gender	Relationship to patient	Lives/lived with patient?	Referred for services?	Been informed about (circle) diagnosis? prognosis?					
							Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
						<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
						<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
						<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK

Other adults involved with children	Relationship to child	Lives with child	Been informed about (circle) diagnosis? prognosis?					
			Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
			Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK
			Y	N	DK	Y	N	DK

Family composition (e.g., blended family, custody issues) etc:

Reason(s) for referral:

Relevant religious or cultural practices:

Family's primary language:

(Office use only)

Chart #: _____ Chart Name: _____

Chart named for: Youth client Dying patient Guardian

Verbal Consent to Complete Intake Yes No

The Dr. Jay Children's Grief Centre REFERRAL GUIDELINES & PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Program Goals - The Dr. Jay Children's Grief Centre is a specialized centre that offers counselling in the home for young people and their families who are living with the dying or the death of an immediate family member or primary caregiver, or who are facing death themselves. We help them find ways to communicate and support one another in their grief, as well as to maintain connections with loved ones who have died. We also provide consultation and education for health care professionals, children's mental health providers, and boards of education.

Program Philosophy and Approach - The Centre employs a strengths-based approach to supporting children and families. We strive to help family members further develop coping skills, develop the skills and capacity to grieve, support one another and communicate in healthy ways, and advocate for honest, open communication that is developmentally appropriate for the children involved. Our work aims to respond to the needs of children and families at the point in time of our contact. Our services range from psychoeducational support to counseling and all types of services employ a mix of creative, play-based and arts-based approaches and may be located either in the community or at the Centre.

Education

We provide consultation and education for health care professionals, children's mental health providers, and boards of education. Please contact info@griefcentre.org to obtain the Request for Teaching Form and view examples of educational topics.

Clinical Services

All counselling is conducted in a flexible style, which may involve a mix of whole-family, parent-only and child-only supportive counseling, these sessions could include any combination of psycho-education, supportive counseling, supporting emotional processing and expression through creative or verbal means, supporting strength-building and problem-solving in family communication, etc.

Quick Response Program	- Family member is palliative at time of referral - eligible for up to 4 sessions with a counselor.
Bereavement Counselling	- Family member has died at time of referral - eligible for up to 4 sessions with a counselor.
Additional Bereavement Program Services	- Following a death, families referred to ANY of the above services are also eligible to attend family events, therapeutic groups and Camp Erin, and will be informed of additional resources in the community.
Pediatric Palliative Psychosocial Care	- Child is palliative at time of referral - eligible for up to 8 sessions with a counselor. Both the ill child and siblings are eligible to receive services.

Eligibility

Referrals for psychosocial services are accepted from any source, including self-referrals.

- **Family Relationship:** Services offered to support grief related to dying or death of a parent, sibling, or individual with custodial or primary family role.
- **Age:** We accept referral for families with children under 21. For children aged 4 or younger, support is offered primarily through provision of support to parent(s)/caregivers. All parent(s)/caregivers are eligible for parenting support.
- **Geographic Catchment:** The cities of Toronto, Etobicoke and Scarborough.
- **Palliative Referrals:** The child's family member, or the child, must have a terminal diagnosis and be eligible for palliative care support.
- **Bereavement Referrals:** Services are offered to all bereaved children, regardless of the cause of death or time since the death.

What Families Can Expect

- **Location and Hours:** Families can be seen in the home or community while the family member is palliative. After a family member has died, sessions will take place at the Centre at 250 Davisville Ave, Suite 405.
- **Resource Package:** Referrals that do not meet the above eligibility requirements will be offered a resource package.

Please visit our website for more information:

<http://www.drjaychildrensgriefcentre.ca>