Higher Education Grief Literacy

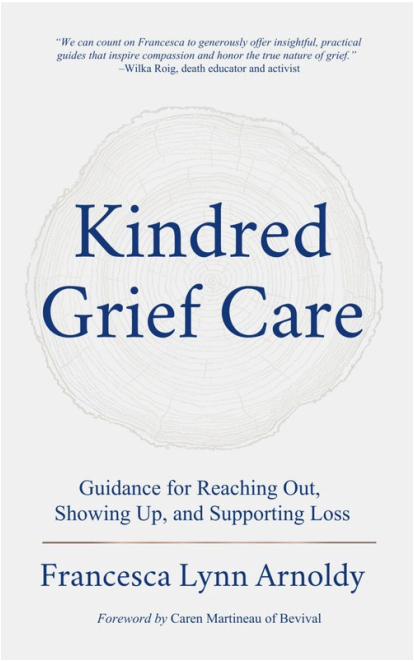
The Community Grief Literacy Project

Cultivating Grief Fluency: A Strategic Approach to Campus Wellbeing and Retention

College is a developmentally vulnerable stage where students are often away from their primary support systems for the first time. Research shows that unsupported grief is a primary driver of academic difficulty, social isolation, and mental health deterioration. By equipping your staff with grief fluency, you aren't just offering valuable training—you are protecting student retention and building a supportive campus culture.

Kindred Grief Care is a guidebook for community bereavement support, informed by direct work, teaching, and research.

It offers grounded, useful information for understanding loss and care approaches centered on presence and compassion.



Overview

The **Campus Grief Literacy Program** provides a comprehensive framework for professional development and the creation of a campus resource hub. Designed for academic advisors, residential life staff, and student affairs leads, this toolkit enables your team to deepen their knowledge and increase situational confidence—weaving interdepartmental roles into a proactive support network.

Contents

1. A comprehensive “Reflection and Implementation Guide,” which includes reading modules and protocols for effective, policy-aligned student support.
2. A bulk order of *Kindred Grief Care* paperbacks and/or eBooks (customized versions available).
3. Master copies of handouts for campus-wide use: Compassionate Condolences, Grief Visits, and Grief Healing.
4. Optional: A virtual 1-hour workshop (“The Language and Listening of Loss”) with the author to deepen learning.

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