## **ISSUES CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FACE**

throughout the Grief Process

Managing fears

Understanding real and perceived fears

**Losing the future** What happens now?

**Dealing with changes** Everything has changed, nothing is the same.

**Experiencing intense symptoms** Physical, emotional, cognitive and behavioral aspects to grief

**Being different** I just want to be like everyone else!

**Regaining sense of control** Nothing I can do or say will change what happened.

Lack of support Where do I go for help?

**Moving on** How can I move forward with some sense of grace and remembrance?

## Understanding self-identity - roles

Who am I now?

**Sharing and support** Who can I trust to share all this with?

Overriding goal of any intervention/activity is to give the child or adult an appropriate opportunity to express their inner issue outside of themselves in a safe atmosphere.

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