



*R*eflection, *C*ontemplation, *H*ope

*The Past,
The Present,
The Future*

*W*e live in the present, we dream of the future,
and we learn eternal truths from the past.

~ Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

M.i.s.s. Foundation

Passages 2005 Parental Bereavement Conference

May 26 through May 29, 2005

FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS

Continuing education credits and certificates available for professionals

2005 Conference and Gathering, Phoenix, Arizona

Track 1 Family Focus

Track 2 Open Forum (Professionals and Families)

Track 3 Psychosocial Intervention (Professionals only)

Track 4 Creative Arts (Professionals and Families)

Thursday, May 26, 2005 - Pre-conference workshops

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration		
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Exhibits Open	Pre-Conference Welcome	
9:00 am - 12:00 pm		To Help One Person is to Help the World: Culturally Sensitive Bereavement Support Facilitator and Peer Counselor Training Joanne Cacciatore-Garard, CT	The Dying Child: Helping Families as Children Face Death Angela Iverson Shayla Dugan
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		Luncheon	
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm		Bereavement Support and Peer Counselor Training (Continued)	The Dying Child: Helping Families as Children Face Death (Continued)
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm		Mexican Fiesta Reception	
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm		The Double Edged Sword: Grieving Grandparent Session Robin Kennedy	Wisdom of Words: Writing to Heal the Spirit Lorraine Ash
			Grief, Anxiety, and Depression in the Subsequent Pregnancy Peter Barr, M.D., PhD

Friday, May 27, 2005- Main Conference Day One

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration		
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Welcome and "Memories of 2004" Tribute		
9:00 am - 10:15 pm	Exhibits Open	Keynote Address: Vanessa Gorman, "Losing Layla" The Alchemy of Healing after a Child's Death	
10:45 - 12:00 pm		Keynote Address: Dr Peter Barr Understanding Grief Emotions	
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm		Italian Grande Buffet Luncheon	
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm		A Different Kind of Parenting Kara and Hawk Jones	The Power of Personal Beliefs: An African American Woman's Journey Through Grief Deborah Brooks
			Movie and Discussion: Some Babies Die: Psychosocial Intervention Peter Barr, M.D., PhD
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm		Yoga Class John Michael	Creative Arts in Healing Clay Expressions Workshop Joy Kockerbeck
			A Look to the East: Is Death the End or the Beginning? Katie Hodge Dean

Saturday, May 28, 2005- Main Conference Day Two

7:30am - 9:00 pm	Continental Breakfast on the Terrace		
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Exhibits Open	Keynote Address: Dr. Dan Baker The Gift of Ryan: One Father's Travel from Despair to Hope	
10:45 am - 12:00 pm		Bereaved Parent Panel Discussion Topic: The Journey into Grief's Past, Present, and Future Moderators Dr. John DeFrain and Joanne Cacciatore	
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm		Luncheon	
2:00pm - 5:00 pm		Bereaved Parent Group Dr. Peter Barr Vanessa Gorman	Transforming Grief: Finding Purpose in the Darkness of Sorrow Dr. Dan Baker
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies and the Candlelight Memorial Service Followed by the Festival of Chocolates		

Sunday, May 29, 2005- Post Conference Workshops

10:00 am -12:30 pm	Exhibits Open	Movie and Discussion: Losing Layla with Vanessa Gorman and Peter Barr, M.D.		
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm		Luncheon, Pool Party, and Hawaiian Luau		
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm		Faith Based Support: The Faces of Spirituality in the Death Experience Deborah Brooks	Putting the Past to Words: Poetry Workshop Kara and Hawk Jones	Getting What You Want and Need from the Media Kimberly Lotz
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm		Saying Goodbye: Post Conference Debriefing Session Dr. John DeFrain	Ritual and Remembrance: Scrapbooking as a way to Remember and Honor Your Child Amber MacCarter	Changing Laws and Policies in Your State: Don't just sit there! Start a Revolution! Joanne Cacciatore and John Nevels



Australian Keynote Presenters

Vanessa Gorman is a filmmaker and writer living in Byron Bay, Australia. She has had a twenty-year career making documentary television for every major network in Australia in the area of the arts, science and technology, biography, and documentaries. Her amazing film, *LOSING LAYLA*, a video diary about the death of her daughter and the journey of grief, has aired in fourteen countries including the USA on HBO. Vanessa is currently writing a book about her experience and caring for her subsequent child, two year old Raphael.

Dr Peter Barr, OAM, MBBS PhD, FRACP, has been a newborn intensive care physician in Sydney, Australia for 30 years. Currently, he is Senior Staff Physician in Neonatology at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. Peter has a long-standing and passionate interest in perinatal bereavement. He was co-founder of the New South Wales SANDS (Stillbirth and Newborn Death Support) self-help support group in 1983. Peter, Deborah, and psychologist, Julie Dunsmore, made the 1985 award winning documentary film, *Some Babies Die*. Peter was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1992 for his clinical work in the area of perinatal bereavement. In 2004, he was awarded a PhD by The University of Sydney for his empirical research thesis: *Guilt, Shame, and Grief: An Empirical Study of Perinatal Bereavement*.



Children's Retreat: The Kid's Kamp for Ages 5-17



Thursday night movie and dinner from 7-9 pm!
Friday and Saturday all day and all night fun sessions from 8am to 10 pm!

Sunday Kid's Kamp from 10am to 8:30 pm!

Activities Include:

- Fun with the Phoenix Fire and Police Departments
 - Art and Writing Expressions
 - Karaoke Fun
 - Sharing Circles
 - Balloon Releases
 - Fun with music and crafts
 - Drum circles

Breakfast and Lunch are included in conference rates for kids!

"I had a lot of fun and met lots of new friends!"

"It was so cool and I got to talk about how I really feel."

"It was awesome and I want to come back again next year!"

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Deceased child's full name and dates of birth and death (if applicable)

Conference Fees Per Person	Bereaved Family Member	Professional Fee	Total Amount Due
May 26, 2005	\$60.00	\$80.00	
May 27 and 28, 2005	\$120.00	\$160.00	
May 29, 2005	\$60.00	\$75.00	
All four days	\$220.00	\$275.00	
Kindness Project Sponsor-a-child, parent, or grandparent to attend conference	\$120 per person x _____ In memory of _____		
Kids Conference Fees			
Evening of May 26, 2005	\$15.00		
May 27, 2005	\$20.00		
May 28, 2005	\$20.00		
May 29, 2005	\$20.00		
Child's name and age (for each one attending "Kids Kamp")			
TOTAL PAID:			

**Fax Registration to 623.979.1001 or send your payment and registration to:
MISS Foundation- Conference Registrar, PO Box 5333, Peoria, Arizona 85385**

Registration. Please arrive at the conference at least 30 minutes in advance to register on the first morning that you are scheduled to attend.

Registration Online. If you want to pay by credit card you must register online and pay with Paypal. Presenter biographies and more information are available at our website: Please visit <http://www.missfoundation.org/conference>.

Kindness Project Sponsors. We help many low-income families and children to attend the conference. If you are interested in sponsoring another person to attend as part of the MISS Foundation's Kindness Project (leaving a legacy), you may add \$120.00 to your total (see registration form).

Scholarships. Some family and professional scholarships are available for low-income applicants. Please email robin@missfoundation.org for an application. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2005.

Location of conference. The conference is being held at the Pointe Tapatio Cliffs in Phoenix, Arizona. Special suite rates are \$99.00 per night. Adults and children will find plenty to do with Hilton's Vacation Station™ a wide assortment of games and activities for family fun at its fullest. Among its many amenities the Resort features the Falls Water Village with acres of shimmering pools, spacious theme-party terraces, private cabanas, fabulous food, cascading waters, a 138-foot waterslide, and dramatic waterfalls make up this spectacular oasis.

Address: 11111 North 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

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Shuttle Service from Airport. Presenters and guests arriving from out of town can take the Super Shuttle from the airport. Contact 602.244.9000 or 1.800.258.3826. Cost is about \$16.00 per person.

Professionals: Payment Information. If you provide an authorization code, the MISS Foundation will gladly bill your employers, agencies, or organizations for conference registration fees. **Continuing Education Credit** certificates will be available at the end of the conference days for those paying professional rates or for MISS Foundation facilitators.

Hospitality Information. Out of town guests please contact Allison@missfoundation.org for a hospitality packet.

Children's Program. For more information on the grieving Kid's Kamp for children ages 4-17, contact Cassandra@missfoundation.org

Early Registration. If you register prior to December 31, 2004, you may take an additional 10% off the registration fees.

Candlelight Memorial Service. There will be tables at the candlelight memorial service where you may setup a special "place" to honor your child/children. Please bring mementos, photos, and anything else you may want to share for Saturday evening.

Exhibitors. Potential exhibitors can contact andra@missfoundation.org for rates.

Volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help at the conference, please contact info@missfoundation.org.

Refund Policy. Registration refunds will not be offered after April 30, 2005.

Facilitator Rates. MISS Foundation facilitators contact info@missfoundation.org for special pricing.

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The Labyrinth

The symbol chosen to represent the conference is a winding path found in many ancient cultures. A symbol of feminine wisdom and the mystery of birth in many traditions, it was commonly used by the Tohono O'odham Nation of Southern Arizona (formerly known as the Papago Indians). The labyrinth is a recognizable motif in ancient petroglyphs and often resembles those found in ancient Greece and other parts of the world. This symbol is said to represent a person's journey through life. Although the design appears to be a maze, it is actually a unicursal figure with many twists and turns; these are said to represent the many paths of life, during the past, the present, and the future, and all leading back to the Center.