

The National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement (NCSCB)

Dedicated to helping schools support their students through crisis and loss.

The Center's services include:

Crisis Response

Free immediate technical assistance and training to schools and communities that are responding to crises, with a focus on supporting their students, both short-term and throughout long-term recovery.

Education & Training

Free education materials, as well as expert consultation and trainings for school professionals and communities preparing for or responding to crisis events.

Advocacy & Research

Support for policies that encourage best practices in crisis and grief support in schools, and research in the fields of childhood bereavement and disaster preparedness.



The NCSCB's work has become increasingly important, particularly as school shootings in the U.S. have increased 750% over the last 15 years, in addition to a 223% increase in those affected by natural disasters. Crisis and loss can significantly impact learning, behavior and development among children. The Center's vision is a nation of resilient schools prepared to appropriately respond to and support their students in times of crisis and loss.

Since 1990, the NCSCB's experts have assisted hundreds of schools and communities in the U.S. and abroad cope in the aftermath of tragedy, playing a vital role in helping to foster resilience after crisis events, including:

| 2001 | 2005 | 2008 | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 | 2014 | 2016 | 2016 |
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| Sept 11 attacks | Hurricane Katrina | China's Sichuan 8.0 magnitude earthquake | Joplin, MO & Alabama Tornado | Newtown, CT school shootings | Aurora, CO community shooting | Marysville, WA school shooting | Townville, SC school shooting | Great Smoky Mountain wildfires in Sevierville, TN |

One of the Center's key projects is the Coalition to Support Grieving Students, enabled by funding from the New York Life Foundation. The Coalition is a collaboration of high-profile organizations representing a full range of school professionals; its website (*GrievingStudents.org*) offers a wide range of free training materials to help empower schools to provide support to grieving students.

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