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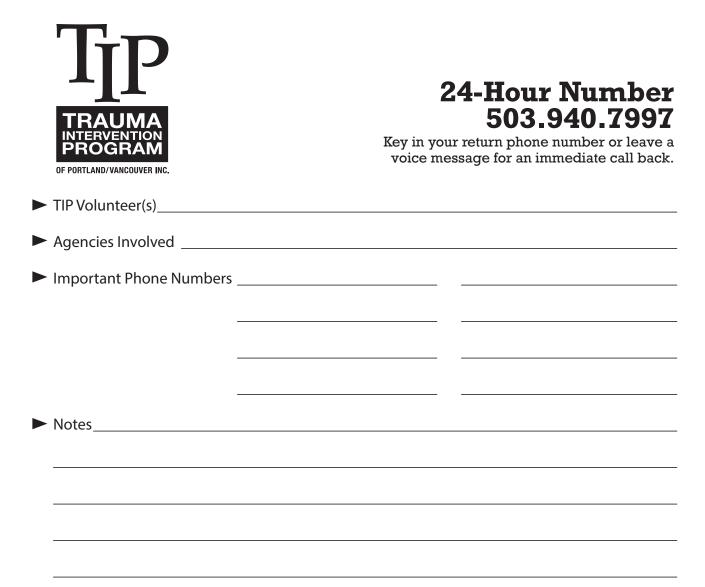
Citizen Resource Guide



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



What is TIP?

Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) is a group of specially trainedand thoroughly-screened citizen volunteers who provide emotional and practical support to survivors of traumatic events and their families in the first few hours following a tragedy. TIP Volunteers are called through the emergency response system — by police, firefighters and hospital personnel.

TIP is a national non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Services are provided to survivors and their families free of charge and are made possible by donations from local government, businesses and individuals.

Trauma Intervention Program of Portland/Vancouver, Inc. was founded in 1991. 180 local volunteers are available to respond immediately to crisis situations on a 24-hour, 365 days-a-year basis.

You Matter to Us

We'd like to hear from you. Please visit us online to give feedback, ask questions or get more resources.

www.tipnw.org



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COUNTY CRISIS LINES CLACKAMAS COUNTY

503-655-8585 24-7 crisis and support line https://www.clackamas.us/behavioralhealth

CLARK COUNTY

800-626-8137 Behavioral health crisis services are available 24/7 https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/ clark-county-crisis-services

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

503-988-4888 24/7 crisis counseling by phone, with translation services for non-English speakers. https://multco.us/mhas/mental-health-services

SKAMANIA COUNTY

Mental Health and Public Health / 24 Hour Crisis Line 509-427-3850 http://www.skamaniacounty.org/community-health/ homepage/mental-health/

WASHINGTON COUNTY

503-291-9111 24/7 help for people experiencing a mental health crisis. Interpreters provided https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/MentalHealth/index.cfm

MILITARY CRISIS LINE

800-273-8255, then press 1, or access online chat by texting 838255. https://www.militaryonesource.mil/health-wellness/ mental-health/suicide

LINES FOR LIFE

Call 800-273-8255 24/7 365 days a year https://www.linesforlife.org/

If you do not know which county you are in, please call any crisis line number and they will assist you.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ADOLESCENTS
Angels In The Outfield503-313-8122 Helping 18 and younger impacted by crime or abuse https://theangelsintheoutfield.org
Children's Home Society of Washington/Vancouver Family Resource Center206-695-3200 chs-wa.org
Clackamas County Juvenile Department
Clark County Juvenile Department
Harry's Mother 503-233-8111/800-914-9706 Shelter for 9-17 year olds and Crisis Intervention janusyouth.org
Insights Teen Parent Program503-239-6996 insightstpp.org/programs
Janus Youth Program503-233-6090 janusyouth.org
Lines for Life877-968-8491
Multnomah County Juvenile Department503-988-3460
National Runaway Safeline800-786-2929 1800runaway.org
Porch Light Street Light Youth Services
SMYRC - Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Resource Center
Trevor Project - Teen Suicide Prevention
Youthera - Clackamas County Drop971-334-9295 www.youthera.org
Youthline (Lines for Life)877-968-8491 or text "teen2teen" to 839863 Call for information. Online chat is available at OregonYouthline.org
ALCOHOL/DRUGS
Al-anon Information (Portland)503-292-1333
Al-anon Information (Vancouver)
Al-anon/Al-ateen Information Service

al-anonportlandoregon.org	
Alcohol and Drug Hotline503-244-1312 Toll Free800-923-4357	
Alcoholics Anonymous Portland503-223-8569 Vancouver360-694-3870 aa.org	
Cocaine Anonymous503-256-1666	

caorwa.org

Families Anonymous800-736-9805
Narcotics Anonymous
Lifeline Connections for Clark County
Lines for Life - Alcohol and Drug Help800-273-8255 and503-244-5211 or text "273TALK" to 839863 linesforlife.org
National Helpline 800-662-HELP (4357)
ANIMAL ASSISTANCE
Animal Aid503-292-6628 animalaidpdx.org
Bonnie L. Hays Animal Shelter 503-846-7041

BEREAVEMENT

Many bereavement groups can be found at local churches and hospitals.

Community Home Health and Hospice360-253-4626 chhh.org	
Brief Encounters Message Phone503-699-8006 Miscarriage, stillborn and newborn death briefencounters.org	
Brief Moments	
peacehealth.org/sites/default/files/Documents/	

Bereavement-Brochure.pdf

Sesame Street Bereavement www.sesamestreet.org/grief

Survivors of Suicide Support Group Portland......503-200-0382 www.sbsnw.org Victims of Violent Crime

BOARD UP/RESTORATION

1-800-Board-Up	.800-262-7387
BELFOR 24/7 Emergency Number belfor.com	
Cornerstone Disaster Repair	.503-295-0108
F.I.R.E - Fire Industry Restoration Experts firexperts.net	.503-305-7285
ServPro of Clark County servproevancouverclarkco.com	.360-254-0049
ServPro of Gresham servprogresham.com	.503-665-7752
ServPro of Oregon City/Sandy servprooregoncitysandy.com	.503-655-7735

BODY & ANATOMICAL DONATION

Educational Body Donation503-404-4114 educationalbodydonation.org
OHSU Body Donation Program503-494-8302
Medcure - Body Donation for Medical Research866-560-2525 medcure.org
Science Care - Whole Body Donation800-417-3747 sciencecare.com

CHILDREN/YOUTH RESOURCES

CARES NW	503-276-9000
Child Abuse Hotline	. 800-4ACHILD
Child Protective Services - Oregon	503-731-3100
Child Protective Services - Washington	888-713-6115
Dougy Center for Grieving Children dougy.org	503-775-5683
Oregon Youthline or text "teen2teen" to 839863 OregonYouthline.org	877-968-8491
Stepping Stones/Hope Bereavement Services Support and counseling peacehealth.org/southwest/services, bereavement-services/	
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CLEAN UP/BIO-HAZARD

BioManagement NW bionw.com	800-211-4579
Heartbeat Medical & Safety	.503-544-2650
Rapid Response Bioclean rapidresponsebioclean.com	.503-421-5148
ServPro of Gresham	.503-665-7752
ServPro of Oregon City/Sandy servprooregoncitysandy.com	.503-655-7735
STOP Oregon stoprestoration.com/portland	.503-966-4131

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Catholic Charities	503-231-4866
catholiccharitiesoregon.org/	
Clackamas County Urgent	

Mental Health Walk-in Clinic503-655-8585 clackamas.us/behavioralhealth/urgentmentalhealth

Catholic Community Services.....360-567-2211 Resources and support for sheltering, housing and homelessness; families and youth services; immigrants and refugees; seniors; mental health and addiction and recovery ccsww.org

Oregon Dept. of Human Services oregon.gov/dhs

Friendly House......503-228-4391 friendlyhouseinc.org

Peer and Family Support Services (Clackamas County)......503-655-8585 clackamas.us/behavioralhealth/support.html

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- CaringBridge caringbridge.org
- Catholic Community Services.....360-567-2211 ccsww.org
- Household Item Pick Up .800-775-VETS (8387) www.pickupplease.org

Lotsa Helping Hands Emailinfo@lotsahelpinghands.com lotsahelpinghands.com/about-us/

Meal Train

mealtrain.com

Spoonful of Comfort - Get Well Packages spoonfulofcomfort.com

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES, ASSISTANCE & RESTRAINING ORDER INFORMATION

Clackamas County Victim Assistance Program clackamas.us/da/victimassist.ht	
Clark County Victim Assistance clark.wa.gov/prosecuting-attor	
Legal Aid/Family Law	503-224-4086
Lutheran Community Servi (Portland/Vancouver - Crim Portland Vancouver	e Victim Advocates) 503-924-2448

CRISIS SERVICES

Adult Mobile Crisis Intervention - Clark County (Community Services NW)800-626-8137
Call to Safety Crisis Line888-235-5333 calltosafety.org
Child Protective Services - Oregon503-731-3100
Child Protective Services - Washington
Clackamas County Mental Health Crisis Line503-655-8585
Clackamas County Urgent Mental Health Walk-in Clinic503-655-8585 clackamas.us/behavioralhealth/urgentmentalhealth
Clark County Crisis Line800-626-8137
La Linea de Crisis503-232-4448 Additional Portland Line503-291-9111
Multnomah County Crisis Line 503-988-4888
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)800-950-6264

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Project Respond	503-988-4888
Suicide Crisis Line of Clark County	360-626-8137
Wash. County Crisis Line	503-291-9111

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Adult Protective Services800-846-9165 24 hours per day; 7 days per week
Clackamas Women's Services888-654-2288 cwsor.org
Gateway Center (Domestic Violence)503-988-6400 portlandoregon.gov/gatewaycenter/
Men's Resource Center503-235-3433 portlandmrc.com
National Domestic Violence Hotline800-799-SAFE (7233) thehotline.org
Call to Safety Crisis Line
Raphael House (collect calls ok)503-222-6222 raphaelhouse.com
SafeChoice Women's Shelter (YWCA Vancouver)
Washington County Domestic Violence Resource Center503-469-8620 dvrc-or.org
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence WSCADV206-389-2515 wscadv.org
West Women & Children's Shelter (Salvation Army)503-731-3900 westwomens.salvationarmy.org
Yolanda Project-Women's Shelter (YWCA Portland)503-977-7930 ywcapdx.org/what-we-do/domestic-violence-services/
YWCA Vancouver
YWCA Portland503-294-7400 ywcapdx.org
EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

American Red Cross - Portland...503-284-1234

American Red Cr Vancouver	oss - 360-693-5821
Francis Center	503-775-6784
Serves area north of Powell from 60th to 82nd	
and south of Powell from 39th to 136th	
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Neighborhood House nhpdx.org	.503-246-1663
St. Vincent DePaul Portland svdppdx.org Vancouver svdpvancouverusa.com	
Salvation Army Portland portland.salvationarmy.org Vancouver vancouver.salvationarmy.org	
SnowCap Provides clothing and emergency for Fire - Support Services	

snowcap.org

HIV/AIDS

Cascade AIDS Project (Portland) cascadeaids.org	503-223-5907
Cascade AIDS Project (Clark County) cascadeaids.org	360-750-7964
Partnership Project	503-230-1202

HOSPITALS

Doernbecher Children's Hospital503-494-8311 700 SW Campus Drive, Portland
Emanuel and Randall Children's Hospital503-276-6500 2801 N. Gantenbein Street, Portland
Kaiser Sunnyside503-256-0556 10180 SE Sunnyside Road, Clackamas
Legacy Good Samaritan503-413-7711 1015 NW 22nd, Portland
Legacy Salmon Creek
Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center503-692-1212 19300 SW 65th, Tualatin
Legacy Mt. Hood Medical Center503-674-1122 24800 SE Stark Street, Gresham
Oregon Health Sciences University/Doernbecher503-494-8311 3181 Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland
Peacehealth Southwest Washington Medical Center360-256-2000 400 NE Mother Joseph Place, Vancouver
Portland Adventist Medical Center503-257-2500 10123 SE Market, Portland
Providence Portland Medical Center503-215-1111 4805 NE Glisan, Portland
Providence Milwaukie503-513-8300 10150 SE 32nd Avenue, Milwaukie

Providence St. Vincent	
Medical Center	503-216-1234
9205 SW Barnes Road, Portland	

Providence Willamette Falls503-656-1631 1500 Division Street, Oregon City

LEGAL

Clackamas County Legal Aid Services of Oregon503-655-2518
Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program
Disability Rights Oregon503-243-2081 droregon.org
Legal Aid Services of Oregon503-224-4086 Serving both Multnomah and Clackamas County lasoregon.org
Oregon Elder Law503-284-6778 oregonelderlaw.com
Oregon Law Center503-981-0336 oregonlawcenter.org

LGBTQ

Friendly House friendlyhouseinc.org	.503-228-4391
Metropolitan Community Churc (MCC) mccportland.com	
Q Center pdxqcenter.org	503-234-7837
SAGE (Services and Advocacy for LGBT Elders)	503-224-2640
Sexual and Gender Minority You Resource Center (SMYRC) smyrc.org	
MEDICAL EXAMINER	

Clackamas County ME Office	503-655-8380
Clark County ME Office	360-397-8405
Multnomah County ME Office	503-988-0055
Washington County ME Office .	503-846-3575

MENTAL HEALTH

Emergency	911
Adapt Behavioral Health Day Hospital Program	360-696-5300
Cascadia cascadiabhc.org	503-528-0757
Clackamas County Behavioral Crisis Line	503-655-8585
Clackamas County Urgent Mental Health Walk-in Clinic clackamas.us/behavioralhealth/urgen	
Clackamas Mental Health Center clackamas.us/behavioralhealth/rivers	
Clark County Crisis Line	360-696-9560

Clark County NAMI (Vancouver)
Columbia River Mental Health Services
Human Services Council
Multnomah County NAMI (Portland)800-950-6264 nami.org
Multnomah County Crisis Line503-988-4888
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)800-950-6264 nami.org
Oregon Psychological Association Referral800-541-9798 opa.org
Providence Behavioral Health Services503-215-7080
Unity Center for Behavioral Health503-944-8000 unityhealthcenter.org
POLICE
Emergency911
Camas Police Department
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office503-655-8211
Clark County Sheriff's Office
Gresham Police Department503-618-2318
Lake Oswego503-635-0238
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office503-988-4300
Portland Police

Sheriff's Office
Portland Police Central Precinct503-823-0097
Portland Police East Precinct503-823-4800
Portland Police North Precinct 503-823-5700
Troutdale Police503-665-6129
Vancouver Police East Precinct360-487-7500
Vancouver Police West Precinct

POPULATION SPECIFIC SERVICES

IRCO - Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization	503-234-1541
El Programa Hispano Portland Gresham	
Native American Youth and Family Center nayapdx.org	503-288-8177
Russian Oregon Social Services (ROSS) emoregon.org/ross/	503-777-3437

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SENIORS

Alzheimer's Association	
alz.org	
Clackamas County	

Senior Services	

- Elder Care800-677-1116 eldercare.acl.gov
- Elderfriends Vancouver, WA360-896-9695 A volunteer visitation program
- Oregon Elder Law.....503-284-6778 oregonelderlaw.com

- Salvation Army /
- Senior Loneliness Line......503-200-1633 seniorlonelinessline.org
- Southwest Washington Aging

SEXUAL ASSAULT/RAPE

- Call to Safety Crisis Line503-235-5333 calltosafety.org

Rape Victims Advocate/ Victim Assistance Program......503-988-3222 Restore Hope503-667-1189 Helping children with child sexual abuse and adult survivors restoretheirhope.com

SHELTERS

Bradley Angle House for Wom	nen
and Children	503-281-2442
bradleyangle.org	

- Call to Safety (Portland Women's Crisis Line)503-235-5333 calltosafety.org

Streetlight/Janus

- Youth Shelter503-380-7200 Overnight shelter for youth under 21
- Vancouver Emergency Shelter ... 360-695-9677 vhausa.com/emergency-housing

SIDS - SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

- Hayden's Helping Hands Support/Funds for Stillborn Baby Hospital Bills haydenshelpinghands.com
- Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep877-834-5667 Remembrance Photography nowilaymedowntosleep.org

SUICIDE
Lines for Life800-273-8255 24-hour hot line - suicide hotline, military help line, and youthline linesforlife.org
Emergency911
Clackamas County Behavioral Health503-655-8585
Clark County Crisis Line
Multnomah County/ Portland Crisis Line503-988-4888
National Hope Line Network800-442-4673 hopeline.com
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Survivors of Suicide Support Group
Survivor Outreach Program (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention)503-841-8347 afsp.org/SOP
Teen Line
Trevor Project (Teen Crisis/Suicide

CHICIDE

Irevor Project (Ieen Crisis/Suicide Prevention for LGBTQ Youth)......866-488-7386 thetrevorproject.org

VETERANS/MILITARY

Military Help Line militaryhelpline.org	888-457-4838
VA Mental Health Services/ Vet Combat Call Center	877-927-8387
vetcenter.va.gov	

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DEALING WITH THE MEDIA

If you have been involved in an incident of public interest, you may encounter the media. It is important that you know your rights and know that you have a choice regarding sharing the details and/or feelings with the general public. You do not have an obligation to speak with the media, however if you do, you may find the following information helpful.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Say "NO" to an interview.
- Select the spokesperson or advocate of your choice.
- Select the time and location for media interviews.
- Request a specific reporter.
- Refuse an interview with a specific reporter even though you have granted interviews to other reporters.

- Say "NO" to an interview even though you previously granted interviews.
- Release a written statement through a spokesperson in lieu of an interview.
- Exclude children from interviews.
- Refrain from answering any questions with which you are uncomfortable or feel are inappropriate.
- Know in advance what direction the story about your victimization is going to take.
- Ask for a review of your quotations in a story line prior to publication.
- Avoid a press conference atmosphere and speak to only one reporter at a time.
- Demand a retraction when inaccurate information is reported.

- Ask that offensive photographs or visuals be omitted from airing or publication.
- Conduct a television interview using a silhouette or a newspaper interview without having your photograph taken.
- Give your complete side of the story related to your victimization.
- Refrain from answering reporter's questions during trial.
- File a formal complaint against a reporter.
- Grieve in privacy.
- Suggest training about media and victims for print and electronic media in your community.
- Be treated with dignity and respect by the media.

SUPPORT IN A SAFE PLACE

OUR MISSION

The mission of The Dougy Center is to provide support in a safe place where children, teens, young adults, and their families grieving a death can share their experiences. Through our *Pathways* Program, we provide a safe place for children and teens when a family member is living with an advanced serious illness.

TRAINING

Through our National Center for Grieving Children & Families, we provide training locally, nationally, and internationally to individuals and organizations seeking to assist children in grief.

SUPPORT AT NO FINANCIAL COST

The Dougy Center's services are completely free for families. We rely on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and foundations to support our programs.

INTERVENTION

In addition to our peer support programs, The Dougy Center provides community-based interventions in schools, workplaces, and homes—wherever a group of people are impacted by a death from an accident, illness, suicide, or homicide.

CONTACT US TODAY: 503.775.5683 | dougy.org | help@dougy.org



The Dougy Center has locations in Portland, Canby, and Hillsboro, Oregon. Call for more information.

DEALING WITH STRESS

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS INFORMATION

You have experienced a traumatic event or a critical incident (any event that causes unusually strong emotional reactions that have the potential to interfere with the ability to function normally). Even though the event may be over, you may now be experiencing or may experience later, some strong emotional or physical reactions. It is very common, in fact quite normal, for people to experience emotional aftershocks when they have passed through a horrible event.

Sometimes the emotional aftershocks (or stress reactions) appear immediately after the traumatic event. Sometimes they may appear a few hours or a few days later. And, in some cases, weeks or months may pass before the stress reactions appear.

The signs and symptoms of a stress reaction may last a few days, a few weeks, a few months, or longer, depending on the severity of the traumatic event. The understanding and the support of loved ones usually causes the stress reactions to pass more quickly. Occasionally, the traumatic event is so painful that professional assistance may be necessary. This does not imply craziness or weakness. It simply indicates that the particular event was just too powerful for the person to manage by himself/herself.

Here are some common signs and signals of a stress reaction:

Physical*	Cognitive	Emotional	Behavioral
chills	confusion	fear	withdrawal
thirst	nightmares	guilt	antisocial acts
fatigue	uncertainty	grief	inability to rest
nausea	hyper-vigilance	panic	intensified pacing
fainting	suspiciousness	denial	erratic movements
twitches	intrusive images	anxiety	change in social
vomiting	blaming someone	agitation	activity
dizziness	poor problem solving	irritability	change in speech
weakness	poor abstract thinking	depression	patterns
chest pain	poor attention/decisions	intense anger	loss or increase of
headaches	poor concentration/	apprehension	appetite
elevated bp	memory	emotional shock	hyper-alert to
rapid heart rate	disorientation of time,	emotional outbursts	environment
muscle tremors	place or person	feeling overwhelmed	increased alcohol
shock symptoms	difficulty identifying	loss of emotional	consumption
grinding of teeth	objects or people	control	change in usual
visual difficulties	heightened or	inappropriate emotional	communications
profuse sweating	lowered alertness	response	etc
difficulty breathing	increased or	etc	
etc	decreased awareness		
	of surroundings		
	etc		

*Any of these symptoms may indicate the need for medical evaluation. When in doubt, contact a physician.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM): Group Crisis Intervention, 4th Edition, June 2006, International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc.

DEALING WITH STRESS

THINGS TO TRY

- WITHIN THE FIRST 24-48 HOURS periods of appropriate physical exercise, alternated with relaxation will alleviate some of the physical reactions.
- Structure your time; keep busy.
- You're normal and having normal reactions; don't label yourself crazy.
- Talk to people; talk is the most healing medicine.
- Be aware of *numbing* the pain with overuse of drugs or alcohol, you don't need to complicate this with a substance abuse problem.
- Reach out; people do care.
- Maintain as normal a schedule as possible.
- Spend time with others.
- Help your co-workers as much as possible by sharing feelings and checking out how they are doing.
- Give yourself permission to feel rotten and share your feelings with others.
- Keep a journal; write your way through those sleepless hours.
- Do things that feel good to you.
- Realize those around you are under stress.
- Don't make any big life changes.
- Do make as many daily decisions as possible that will give you a feeling of control over your life, i.e., if someone asks you what you want to eat, answer them even if you're not sure.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Don't try to fight reoccurring thoughts, dreams or flashbacks they are normal and will decrease over time and become less painful.
- Eat well-balanced and regular meals (even if you don't feel like it).

FOR FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

- Listen carefully.
- Spend time with the traumatized person.
- Offer your assistance and a listening ear if they have not asked for help.
- Reassure them that they are safe.
- Help them with everyday tasks like cleaning, cooking, caring for the family, minding children.
- Give them some private time.
- Don't take their anger or other feelings personally.
- Don't tell them that they are "lucky it wasn't worse;" a traumatized person is not consoled by those statements. Instead, tell them that you are sorry such an event has occurred and you want to understand and assist them.

CHILDREN & TRAUMA

CHILDREN&TRAUMA: SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

by Wayne Fortin, Founder and CEO, Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc.

CHILDREN ARE TRAUMATIZED BY A WIDE

variety of events which include but are not limited to: natural disasters, crime, auto accidents, serious illness, community violence, hostage situations, violence in the home and the death of a parent or loved one.

Parents play a vital role in their child's successful recovery from a traumatic event. Following are ways parents can help their child following a traumatic event:

- Reassure your child that he/she will be taken care of, loved and cherished just as they were before the traumatic event.
- Nurture your child. Children who have been traumatized need physical contact. Cuddling, rocking, massaging and reading quietly help relieve stress and anxiety.
- Pay special attention at bedtime. Nighttime is particularly difficult for traumatized children. It may help to read to your child, rub their back, play music and leave a light on.
- Encourage your child to tell his/her story. Your child may need to tell their story repeatedly. Listen attentively and allow your child to talk about the traumatic experience at his/her own pace.
- Provide physical outlets. Your child may have pent up anger/energy in their body. Provide appropriate, fun and physical activities for your child.
- Give your child choices and help him/her develop a sense of control.
- Provide consistent, predictable patterns for your child. If something new is about to happen, explain to your child before hand what they can expect.
- Be tolerant and patient. No set timetable exists for the recovery of children. Some recover quickly and others may take more time. Don't compare your child to other children who have experienced the same event.

- Protect your child from repeated news coverage.
- Make it clear to your child that you are "in control". It is very frightening and confusing for a child to sense that parents themselves are disorganized, confused and anxious. If your own response to the event interferes with your ability to care for your child, ask for help! Professionals who specialize in working with traumatized children can be very helpful.

For more assistance, please call 503-823-3937.

EFFECTIVE WAYS OF COPING AFTER A TRAUMATIC EVENT

- 1. Accept the fact that you have been a victim and accept the feelings that result. Remember: others may not validate your feelings. In fact, they may minimize your experience: "You were only a witness", or "You were really lucky", or "It has been two weeks! Why are you still bothered?"
- 2. Accept all the feelings you are having as normal reactions to an extraordinary event. You are not "crazy". You are reacting normally to a "crazy" event. Be patient with yourself. It takes time to recover emotionally from a traumatic event.
- 3. Combat any guilt you might have by:
 - Accepting it as normal.
 - Talking to others about your role or their role in the event. You are probably not alone in your reaction to this event.
 - Realizing you were a victim and are not a trained rescuer.
 - Recognizing what you "did right"!
 - Recognizing the extenuating circumstances related to the event — the suddenness, the dangers, etc.
- 4.Don't revert to "bad habits" (alcohol, drugs, overeating) to cope. They will only make matters worse.

EFFECTIVE WAYS OF COPING continued...

- 5. Maintain normalcy. Go about your daily routines and "take care of business."
- 6. Attempt to understand what happened by getting the facts.
- 7. Ventilate. TALK and write about the event.
- 8. Thank those who helped you and apologize to those you hurt during and since the tragic event.
- 9. Help each other.
 - Reach out to those who are particularly traumatized.
 - Respect each other's ways of coping.
 - Don't victimize each other by judging other's individual coping style. Let the "grievers" grieve and allow the "doers" to do.

10. Decide as a group how you want to help:

- The victim
- The family
- Each other

10. If a death has occurred:

- Implement or participate in a "saying goodbye" ritual
- Attend services
- Contribute to a memorial fund
- Establish a memorial on scene
- Wear a symbol on clothing

HELPFUL HINTS

Some of the following ideas might help you or others alleviate some of the aftershocks of a traumatic event.

FOR YOURSELF

- Try to rest a bit more
- Contact a friend
- Have someone stay with you for at least a few hours or periods of time for a day or two.
- Recurring thoughts, nightmares and flashbacks are normal — don't try and fight them. They will decrease over time and become less painful.

- Maintain as normal a schedule as possible.
- Eat well-balanced and regular meals. (Even if you don't feel like it!)
- Try to keep a reasonable level of activity.
- Fight against boredom.
- Physical activity is often helpful.
- Reestablish a normal schedule as soon as possible.
- Express your feelings as they arise.
- Talk to people who love you.
- Find a good counselor if the feelings become prolonged or too intense.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Listen carefully!
- Spend time with the traumatized person.
- Offer your assistance and a listening ear even if they have not asked for your help.
- Reassure them that they are safe.
- Help with everyday tasks like cleaning, cooking, caring for the family and minding the children.
- Give them some private time.
- Don't take their anger or other feelings personally.
- Don't tell them that they are "lucky it wasn't worse" — traumatized people are not consoled by those kinds of statements. Instead, tell them that you are so sorry this event has occurred and you would like to understand and assist them.

If you find that you are still suffering severe symptoms (sufficient to disrupt any of your normal functioning) after six weeks, professional counseling may be indicated.

Contact your employee assistance program, physician, or a mental health professional in your community for a referral to a therapist who specializes in this kind of work.

Additional Resources can be obtained at www.sesamestreet.org/grief

WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES

10 THINGS TO DO AND NOT TO DO

All of us face dilemmas when something bad happens to someone we know. Many times we inadvertently say the wrong thing and increase the hurt they're already feeling. Or, we don't do or say anything for fear that we'll be in the way. So here's a practical list of 10 do's and don'ts when it comes to helping someone who's just experienced a death or trauma.

- 1. DO listen. As a rule, if you're talking more than they are, you're not being helpful.
- 2. DON'T tell your story. It's not about you. "When my father died ..." language isn't helpful. Don't try and relate your pain that's essentially emotional theft. No matter how similar your story is, it's not theirs. Their experience is different and happening right now. Let the focus be on them.
- 3. DO send a note. It may seem insignificant to you, but a thoughtful, short, handwritten note can mean the world to someone in a particular kind of hell. Even if it's months after the death, that note will mean a lot.
- 4. DON'T use platitudes like, "It was God's will," or "She's in God's hands now," or "At least he had a good life," or "You can have other children," Such loss is devastating and so are the mental wounds from such mindless platitudes. Discounting statements like "at least ..." hurt because nothing is going to make this situation okay. Instead, simply acknowledge the loss and express your sadness at the pain they are going through.
- 5. DON'T be vague. "Call me if there's anything I can do" is practically useless. They're not going to call; they're too overwhelmed and too upset to even remember the offer. To someone in the immediacy of a trauma, the phone weighs 2,000 pounds and is simply too heavy to pick up for any reason, including asking for help.
- 6. DO be specific. Tell your friend; "I'm cooking dinner at your house on Thursday at 6 p.m." The smells of cooking can be extremely comforting and calming. Offer to pick up friends or relatives from the airport. Take the kids to school or babysit after school. Vacuum their house. Take their trash to the curb on trash day. Imagine what you would least like to do in their situation then volunteer to do it for them.
- 7. DON'T bring by a lasagna. People under extreme duress do not eat meals, they snack. Bring fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers foods that you can eat with your fingers that don't require cooking or clean up. Stress shuts down the digestive system. Heavy meals that require prep and clean up just add to the stress.
- 8. DO bring essentials. The three things that people most need immediately after a death or trauma are tissues, bottled water, and toilet paper. As family members, friends, and neighbors arrive they all need tissues and water. Water bottles eliminate the need for cups and clean up. More people means more bathroom visits so the need for more toilet paper becomes essential.
- 9. DO be human. If you see this person at the grocery store, don't duck behind the soup display because you can't think of anything to say. This just makes the person feel alienated and lonely. Acknowledge what happened by saying something like, "I'm so sorry this happened." You don't have to save them or provide a counseling session. They might want to talk, they might not. Your lack of comfort will only make them feel more alienated. A simple hug goes a long way.
- 10. DON'T judge. No matter what your feelings about the situation, use neutral language, "I remember Mike's smile. He was also so helpful to us. I'm sorry. How are you doing?" In fact, a simple "How are you doing?" can go a long way. These situations are uncomfortable for everyone. But with a little thought we can avoid increasing the hurt and even help when the worst happens to people we know.

For more information on how to help visit www.whentragedystrikes.org



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COPING WITH SUICIDE AS A FAMILY

It is important to sit down together to talk, cry, feel rage, guilt and even be silent.

Communication is the key to survival in the aftermath of suicide. At the same time, there should be respect for each person's individual way of handling grief. Some family members will grieve privately, others openly, and others a combination of these two styles. In many ways, each family member must grieve alone. Here are some suggestions to help with family grief.

Pay attention to your family members when you are with them. Let them know that you love them. Be sensitive to how other family members feel. Listen to what is meant as well as what is being said. Accept the other person and what they say.

Don't give each other the silent treatment. This has many negative effects. Sit back and listen. Let other family members have an opportunity to talk. Be sure to hug and touch each other at every opportunity. Recognize that anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays will be difficult for each member of the family.

Remember, you can't help anyone if you're falling apart. Do what you can do for yourself – and get help for what you can't do. If depression, grief, or problems in your family are getting out of control, seek the advice of a counselor.

Studies show that a bereaved person's self-esteem is extremely low. Survivors should work on their image of themselves, and to help each family member to think and feel good about them.

If there is a suicide note, discuss as a family what to do with it. If you think it will only bring you pain, then have a private burning and commit its contents to God or a higher power.

www.afsp.org

CLICHES – WHAT NOT TO SAY

Well-meaning people who don't know what to say often use cliches. Sometimes they cause more aggravation than comfort. Here are a few that shouldn't be said in time of grief:

- I know how you feel
- Calm down
- It will be better tomorrow
- It's God's will
- They are better off
- They're happier in heaven
- You will get married again
- Time heals all wounds
- It was part of God's plan

- I just don't know how you are so strong
- I don't know what I would have done if it had been me
- Don't cry, it's ok
- You don't want to do that
- Don't feel
- They will never hurt again
- Had they lived, they would never be the same

- You will/can have another child
- You have other children
- It's time to get on with your life
- Life goes on
- It is divine to forgive
- Call me if you need me

UNDERSTANDING AND COPING WITH YOUR GRIEF

Most people find the loss of a loved one the most intense and difficult experience of their lives. To lose someone is a universal experience. To mourn is a universal emotion, yet many people, both members in the helping profession and the bereaved themselves, are confused about the nature of mourning. Many of those who grieve try to hide their sorrow. Many in our culture believe that mourning should be suppressed. We now know that to suppress our sorrow; to thwart the mourning process, further disorients us and makes us more at risk for both emotional and physical illness.

If you are newly bereaved, you may find it very difficult to concentrate on what you are reading, and that is perfectly normal. We will discuss specific topics in depth to be used when it's not so difficult to think. Let me mention some errors many mourners make.

THE MOST COMMON ERRORS

The most common errors made by mourners usually begin with the people believing that mourning should be over in a short period. We know, on the basis of specific polls, for example, that a majority of the people believe mourning should be over in 48 hours to two weeks. THIS ASSUMPTION IS FALSE. Loss of your loved one will have a measurable and visible impact on you well beyond a year's time.

A second common error is that many people believe that they can suppress their sorrows, at least to other people's eyes. They try to use alcohol or tranquilizing drugs or magical thinking to suppress their emotions. They inevitably fail. Our emotions and their expressions are the only means we have to reorient ourselves after major change in our lives. It is important for your emotional, physical health to express emotions in non-destructive ways. One of the most effective ways of recovering from sorrow is to cry. Whether you are a man or a woman, to cry seems to be necessary for your health. To cry with others who grieve makes the task of reorientation easier.

A third common error of mourners is to try to make their sorrow a private matter. A famous poet, John Donne, was quite correct when he wrote, "No man is an island unto himself." No matter how overwhelmed, lonely or impotent you feel, your loss is other's loss also. It is very important that you include, not exclude, others in mourning your loss.

A fourth common error is an attempt to escape the pain of loss by making even more changes in their lives; selling the house, changing jobs, going on long trips. All of these may be appropriate in time; not when we mourn. Like our shadows, our feelings of sorrow cannot be run away from. Buying binges...radical changes in living habits... taking flight from our routines of care...these are but a few examples of how we can erroneously try to avoid sorrow. What is important for you is to make as few changes in your circumstances of living as possible. While there will be many changes you cannot avoid, postpone as many as you can.

A fifth common error of mourners is to ignore their own health. For some, it seems to be going to the extreme of feeling the best way of honoring the dead is to die with them. For others, it is to abandon self-esteem. Whatever your reason, you need to care for your own health.

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DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES OF TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN

When talking to your child, please consider their age, maturity, personality and cognitive ability.

AGE	TRAUMA RESPONSES
Infant to 2 years	 Sleeping/eating disturbance Fussiness, whining Clinginess Sense of change
2 to 5 years	 Sleeping/eating disturbance Regressive behaviors Death/traumatic experience seen as reversible, not permanent Brief, intense responses Fearful Clinginess
5 to 8 years	 Magical thinking – child's words or actions caused the traumatic event Death seen as reversible, not permanent Repetitive questioning Nightmares Aggressive behaviors The child worries who will take care of him or her
9 to 12 years	 Understand the finality of death Joking inappropriately about death/traumatic event Want complete details – morbid curiosity Aggressive behaviors Problems in school – changes in grades and/or behaviors
13 to 18 years	 Similar to adults, but fewer coping skills Risk-taking behavior – behaves impulsively Delayed grief work May prefer to talk with people outside the family Depression, anger, guilt Problems in school – changes in grades and/or behaviors May assume the role of the deceased

TALKING WITH TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN COMMON QUESTIONS

Children must be told the truth. Start by saying: "A very sad thing has happened..."" I have some very sad news I need to share with you..."

Be straightforward. Use correct words: "Died" instead of "passed away": Killed in a car accident. Died from Cancer.

ANSWER CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS HONESTLY AND OPENLY

What does dead mean? Dead means your body has stopped working. It is not breathing, it doesn't need to sleep or eat.

What is cremation? The dead body is placed in a room with a high temperature that turns the body into ashes (cremains). These ashes can be put in a special container called an urn. They can also be scattered in a favorite location.

Why is their body cold or hard? The body is warm when it is working correctly. The person has died so the body doesn't need to stay warm anymore.

Why did my loved one die? That is a hard question to answer, just say honestly - "I don't know."

Will this happen to you? (addressed to parent/guardian) "I am hoping to live a long time; we just don't know when we will die.

Who will take care of me if this happens to you too? Share with them a relative or friend will take care of them, but you are hoping to live a long time.

Children may ask questions regarding their safety. Listen to your child, reassure them, provide a daily routine, and let them express their fears.

BEHAVIORS THAT SUGGEST A CHILD IS ANXIOUS OR STRUGGLING

- Quiet and withdrawn
- Acting out
- Overachieving
- Refusing to go to school or child care
- Changes in eating and sleeping habits (depression)
- More active and restless
- Unrealistic fear for personal safety
- Any significant changes in personality

This information provided by Jodi Wicks, MS., Bereavement Manager Hospice SW/ "Stepping Stones"

CHECKLIST FOLLOWING A DEATH

- Decide on type of Service.
- □ Check Pricing. Make appointment to meet with a funeral director. Make funeral or memorial service arrangements.
- Decide on a time and place for the funeral and/or memorial service.
- □ Make a list of immediate family, close friends, and employer or business colleagues. Notify each by phone.
- □ If flowers are to be omitted, decide on appropriate memorial to which gifts may be given (a church, library, school, or charity).
- □ Write an obituary. Normally, the mortuary does this, but you may wish to consult with them. Include age, place of birth, occupation, college degrees, membership(s) held, military service, outstanding work, list of survivors in immediate family. Give time and place of services. Fax a copy to deceased's hometown.
- □ Purchase a Guest Book.
- □ Notify insurance companies (including automobile insurance) of immediate cancellation and request any refund.
- □ Check carefully all life and casualty insurance and death benefits, including Social Security, credit union, trade union, fraternal, military, etc.
- □ Check also on income for survivors from these sources.
- Arrange for family members or close friends to take turns answering the door or phone, keeping careful record of calls.
- Arrange hospitality for visiting relatives and friends.
- □ Arrange appropriate childcare.
- □ Coordinate special needs of the household, e.g. cleaning, grocery shopping, etc., which might be done by friends.
- Select who will conduct the service, give the eulogy, speakers, music, and reception, if any.
- □ Select pall bearers and notify them (avoid men with heart or back difficulties, or make them honorary pall bearers).
- □ Notify the lawyer and Executor of the Will. Get several copies of the death certificate.
- Plan for disposition of flowers after the funeral (can be given to a hospital or rest home).
- □ Prepare a list of distant persons to be notified by letter and/or printed notice and decide which to send each.
- Prepare a list of persons to receive acknowledgements of flowers, calls, etc. Send appropriate acknowledgements (can be either written notes or printed acknowledgements).
- □ Check promptly on all debts and installment payments. Some may carry insurance clauses that will cancel them. If there is to be a delay in meeting payments, consult with creditors and ask for more time before payments are due.
- □ If the deceased was living alone, notify utilities and landlord and tell the post office where to send mail. Take precautions against thieves.

DEALING WITH TRAGEDY IN THE WORKPLACE A Supervisor's Checklist

- □ Have I identified everyone affected by the event?
 - □ Co-workers
 - □ Family members
 - □ Witnesses
 - □ Clean-up workers
- Have I sent supervisors to all the sites where the survivors are?
- □ Have I set-up and staffed a *"safe room"* where employees can support one another and receive the information they need?
 - Is the "safe room" equipped with:
 - □ Tissue
 - □ Water
 - □ Writing Materials
- Have I acknowledged to employees the difficulty of the event?
- Have I obtained accurate information about the incident and presented it to all employees?
- Have I ensured that employees will be protected from the media through the aftermath?
- □ Have I distributed *"How to Cope"* resources to employees and given them resources for follow up care?
- □ Have I given employees information on how other survivors are coping, i.e. *"The family has lots of support."*?
- Have I given the family members information about how employees care?
- □ Have I taken concrete steps if necessary to make employees feel safe? (locks, lighting, etc.,)
- Have I given employees information about upcoming viewings and memorial services?
- Have I initiated a planning process for how employees will honor the victim(s)?
- □ Have I gotten the company back to *"normal"*? (Cleaned up, back to daily routines?)
- Have I followed up on an individual basis with those most affected?
 ("How are you doing _____?" It's been _____weeks since the tragedy.
 I know it was very difficult for you. Are you ok?")

HOW TO DISPOSE OF UNUSED AND UNWANTED MEDICATIONS

Follow Instructions on the Bottle/Packaging

- Look for drug disposal instructions on the bottle.
- The label may say you can throw the medicines in the trash, crush the medicines and combine and mix them in a substance or you can flush them down the toilet.

Medicine Take-Back Programs

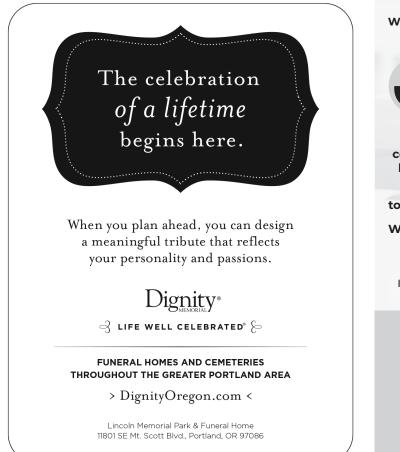
- Contact your city or county government's household trash and recycling service to see if there is a medicine take-back program in your city.
- Go to www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov to find a National Prescription Drug Take Back Days in your area.
- Call your pharmacist to see if they have or know of a medicine disposal program.

Crushing Prescriptions to Throw-Away

- Take the medicines out of their original container crush them and then mix them with coffee grounds or kitty litter.
- Put this in a sealable bag, empty can or another container to prevent leaking or breaking of a garbage bag.
- Scratch off all identifying information on the medication bottles for your own privacy and health information.

Additional Questions and Information

- Call 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332)
- Visit http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm101653.htm



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DISPOSITION CHOICES AT THE TIME OF DEATH ABC's - Anatomical Donation, Burial and Cremation

At the time of death, a family has one of three disposition choices, either anatomical donation, burial or cremation.

There is no right or wrong to these choices, only what best suits the wishes of the deceased or the next of kin. It is important to note that the Power of Attorney (POA) ceases at the time of death. Thus, the POA does not have the authority to make decisions regarding human remains.

ANATOMICAL DONATION

Time sensitive decision at the time of death. A person may donate their body or the body of a loved one to an organization who accepts these gifts. Facilities and organizations accept human remains on a case by case basis and have specific procedures and an extensive questioning process to determine if a donation is possible. Depending on the institution, there may be costs to the family associated with an anatomical donation.

BURIAL

Burial usually takes place within a week of the death but in some cases later. (Refrigeration is required by law after 24 hours of the death). Embalming is not required by law but is determined by the type of funeral service the family chooses. It is required when a body is transported via airlines, or burial in an above ground mausoleum (or crypt). There are two types of burial – direct and traditional. Direct burial does not include any viewing, services or family present at the cemetery. The funeral home caskets the body and delivers it to the cemetery. Traditional burial usually includes the following: dressing, viewing, funeral or graveside service. Some funeral establishments are limited by their license as to what services they can provide.

CREMATION

Families or individuals choose cremation for various reasons, but there are still options that can be made within this choice. The most minimal is a direct cremation where there is no viewing or service involving the funeral home. A family can also choose a cremation with a funeral service which takes place at a funeral home. This may include a viewing, dressing, and casketing, either in a rental or cremation casket. Families may also choose a cremation with a may not use the funeral home facilities. The cremated remains may or may not be present at the service.



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A SERVICE PROVIDER

It's okay to not know what you want. Thinking about the items below can help direct you to the proper funeral service provider. Here are a few initial questions you may want to ask.

FIRST THOUGHTS

- What type of service do you need (or want)?Burial or Cremation
- Do you want to have a visitation?
- Are there charges for viewing?
- Is the location of the viewing at the funeral home?
- Do you want to have a service? Is there a place for the service?

LOCATION

 This is important. Consider that you may have to go to the funeral home several times.

- What is the distance to the funeral home?
- Are there charges for transportation of the body? After hours?

CREMATION

- What does your cremation package include?
- What is the cost of the cremation container?
- Are Death Certificates included?

BURIAL

- What does the burial package include?
- What is the price range of caskets?
- Are Death Certificates included?



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DEATH CERTIFICATE

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR A DEATH CERTIFICATE

Arrangements for:			
First	Name I	Middle Name	Last Name
Date of Birth:	Birthplace:		Sex:
			M/F
US Veteran: Serve	d in a Combat Zone?	Social Security #:	
Y/N	Y/N		
Marital Status:		Spouse's Name:	
Married, Div	orced, Widowed, Never Married	If Married/	Widowed, include Maiden Name
Race:			
White or Caucasian	Black or African American	American Indian/Alas	ka Native-Tribe
Asian Indian	Chinese	Filipino	
Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese	
Other Asian (specify)	Native Hawaiian	Guamanian or Chamo	orro
Samoan	Other Pacific Islander (specif	y) Other (specify)	
Hispanic Origin:			
Not Hispa	anic Mexican, Mexican	American, Chicano Puer	to Rican
Cuban	Other Spanish/His	spanic/Latino (Specify)	
Education:			
8th grade or less		High School Graduate or GED	Some college credit, no degree
Associate's degre	e Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctorate degree
Usual Occupation:		Industry:	
Residence Address:			
	et Address		
City Cou	inty State	Zip Code	Inside City Limits?
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Address:			
Method of Disposition:	Duvial Countries		
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Name and Relationship of Fa	mily Members:	
Name:	Relationship:	Address & Phone:
Names of Organizations/Lod	ges etc. to be contacted:	
important time for those who are left		honor and respect all of your wishes. A service can be an ormal or expensive, but a time to commemorate a life well lived.
		Celebration of Life:
		Private Viewing Only:
Details of service: (speaker, s	special music selections, musici	an(s), etc.)
		<u>.</u>
Memorial Contributions To:		
Obituary (List which papers	in which obituary(s) is to be pla	ced:
Note: Some papers will charge for thi	s service. Your funeral service provider sh	ould advise you if there is a fee.

If available, would you like an obituary on the Funeral Home's website for no fee? $\,\,\square\,$ Yes $\,\,\square\,$ No

GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDE

Includes information for Oregon and Washington State

Please note: The information listed below is being provided as a courtesy to you. All of the information may not apply to your individual situation.

DEATH CERTIFICATES

There is always a fee for the death certificate. Fees very by state. Certified copies are suggested for insurance, insured loans, stocks and bonds, and any joint ownership, real property in joint ownership, etc. If copies are needed within 10 days of the date of death, please check with your funeral director. After 10 days please use the following:

IN PERSON

Identification such as a current driver's license or I.D. card will be required for all record orders.

Oregon: Vital Records Office

800 NE Oregon Street, Room 205 971.673.1190

Washington: Vital Records Office

2000 Fort Vancouver Way **360.236.4313**

US MAIL

Oregon PO Box 14050 Portland, OR 97293-0050

Washington

2000 Fort Vancouver Way Vancouver, WA 98661

FAX

Oregon only: You may send a fax directly to **503.234.8417**. Please include complete record information, return address, credit card number, expiration date and your daytime telephone number.

INTERNET

For both Oregon and Washington: www.VitalCheck.com

TELEPHONE

Oregon 971.673.1190

Washington 360.236.4313

You will always need to provide the following information about the deceased:

- Full name of person on the record
- Spouse's name (if applicable)Date of death, marriage or divorce
- (or the time period to search)Place of death, county which issued
- marriage license, or county granting divorce
- Your name and relationship to the person on the record, or
- Your reason for needing the record

SOCIAL SECURITY

Your funeral director will file for SSA-721 "Statement of Death." You must also contact a local Social Security Office to file the lump sum death benefit, if applicable. You can reach them at **1.800.772.1213** or on the web at **www.ssa.gov**.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Your funeral director will secure the flag for you at the time of death for an honorably discharged veteran. Additional benefits apply if the death occured in a VA facility or of the veteran is under special VA care. The funeral home will assist you in the completion of the burial benefits claim. You will need a copy of the deceased's "DD-214". If you have further questions, contact the Veterans Administration at **1.800.827.1000**.

INSURANCE

If the deceased is a Veteran, contact the Veterans Administration at **1.800.827.1000** for individual insurance coverage. Notify other personal insurance companies or local agents of same on those policies held by the deceased. Also, check for coverage, health and accident insurance, life insurance, savings and checking accounts, and department store and credit card accounts that may have death insurance coverage. If the deceased was a homeowner, check for the possibility of mortgage insurance. A certified copy of the death certificate is usually needed for each policy.

BANKS

Notify the bank of person's death and inquire about checking accounts, government bonds, time saving certificate, etc. If joint account, consider transferring all money accounts to your name and adding additional names to bank accounts and safety deposit boxes for protection.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Certified copies of the death certificates are required to change a car title. Take one original certified copy of the death certificate and the DMV will make a photocopy. If you can't get a copy of the death certificate, an obituary will suffice.

UNION BENEFITS

Employment could include benefits through a labor organization. Since membership benefits are so varied, it is advisable to check with the individual organizations. A certified copy of the death certificate may be needed for application of benefits.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

For assistance on necessary forms: Oregon 1.800.356.4222

Washington

1.800.647.7706

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Contact the office of the IRS by calling **1.800.829.1040** or by going to their office. **Oregon** 1220 SW Third, Suite 272 Portland, OR 97204

Washington

500 SW 12th Street, Suite 200 Vancouver, WA 98660

YOUR HOME AND REAL PROPERTY

Contact the County Assessor's office in the county where your home is located. Be sure to have a certified copy of the death certificate available if needed.

Multnomah County.	503.988.3326
Clark County	360.397.2391
Clackamas County	503.655.8551
Washington County	503.846.8741

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Affordable Funeral Alternatives By Appointment Only	135 NW 1st Street #2	Gresham	97030	503-618-9396
Aftercare Cremation & Burial www.aftercarecremationandburial.com	1304 E. Powell Blvd.	Gresham	97030	503-760-3600
Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services - Gateway	y 1515 NE 106th Avenue	Portland	97220	503-256-0606
Alternative Burial and Cremation of Oregon www.alternativeburialandcremationoforegon.com	8970 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road	Tualatin	97062	503-925-8685
Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel	207 Villa Road	Newberg	97132	503-538-2191
Attrell's Sherwood Funeral Chapel www.attrells.com	16195 SW 1st Street	Sherwood	97140	503-625-6515
Bateman Carroll Funeral Home www.batemancarrollfunerals.com	520 W Powell Blvd.	Gresham	97030	503-665-2128
Canby Funeral Chapel www.canbyfuneralchapel.com	160 South Grant Street	Canby	97013	503-266-1144
Care Cremation Service (By Appointment Only) www.cremationbycare.com	10754 SE Hwy 212	Clackamas	97015	503-656-9177
Columbia Funeral Home & Cremation Services www.columbiafh.com	681 Columbia Blvd.	St. Helens	97051	503-397-1154
Cornerstone Funeral Services & Cremation www.cornerstonefuneral.com	18625 SE Bakers Ferry Road	Boring	97009	503-637-5020
Cornwell Wilsonville Funeral Chapel & Cremation www.cornwellcolonial.com	29222 SW Town Ctr. Loop E	Wilsonville	97070	503-682-1177
Crown Memorial Center - Milwaukie www.CrownCremationBurial.com	16475 SE McLoughlin Blvd.	Milwaukie	97267	503-653-7076
Crown Memorial Center - Portland www.CrownCremationBurial.com	832 NE Broadway	Portland	97232	503-783-3393
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Crown Memorial Center - Tigard www.CrownCremationBurial.com	12995 SW Pacific Hwy	Tigard	97223	503-783-6869
Crown Memorial Center - Tualatin www.CrownCremationBurial.com	8970 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road	Tualatin	97062	503-885-7800
Crown Memorial Center - Eastside www.CrownCremationBurial.com	1433 SE 122nd Avenue	Portland	97233	503-783-6865
Donelson Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services www.donelsonfh.com	1070 W. Main St.	Hillsboro	97123	503-640-2277
Estacada Funeral Chapel www.estacadafuneralchapel.com	110 West 1st Avenue	Estacada	97023	503-630-3829
Family Memorial Mortuary www.familymemorialservices.com	1304 E. Powell Blvd.	Gresham	97030	503-736-0102
Finley Sunset Hills Mortuary www.finleysunsethills.com	6801 SW Sunset Highway	Portland	97225	503-292-6654
Gethsemani Funeral Home & Catholic Cemetery www.ccpdxor.com	11666 SE Stevens Road	Happy Valley	97086	503-659-1350
Gresham Memorial Chapel www.greshamfuneral.com	257 SE Roberts	Gresham	97080	503-618-8176
Heritage Memorial Cremation Service www.heritagememorial.net	6705 SE 14th Avenue	Portland	97202	503-231-1400
Hillside Chapel www.hillsidechapelfh.com	1306 Seventh Street	Oregon City	97045	503-656-4285
Holman-Hankins-Bowker & Waud Chapel www.waudsfuneralservice.com	715 7th Street	Oregon City	97045	503-656-2661
Holman's Funeral Service www.holmansfuneralservice.com	2610 SE Hawthorne Blvd.	Portland	97214	503-232-5131
Hustad Funeral Home www.hustadfuneralhome.com	7232 N. Richmond	Portland	97203	503-286-9663
Lincoln Memorial Park & Funeral Home www.lincolnmemorialpk.com	11801 SE. Mt. Scott Blvd.	Portland	97086	503-771-1117

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Macy & Son Funeral Home www.macyandson.com	135 NE Evans Street	McMinnville	97128	503-472-6151
Molalla Funeral Chapel www.molallafuneralchapel.com	220 E. Main Street	Molalla	97038	503-829-2379
Mt. Scott Funeral Home www.mtsfh.com	4205 SE 59th Avenue	Portland	97206	503-771-1171
National Cremation Service www.nationalcremation.com	9800 SW Shady Lane	Tigard	97223	503-598-9002
Neptune Cremation Services www.neptunecremationservice.com	11211 SE 82nd, Ave, Suite N	Happy Valley	97086	971-206-5000
OMEGA Funeral & Cremation Services www.omegaservices.com	223 SE 122nd Avenue	Portland	97233	503-231-6030
Oregon Cremation Company www.oregoncremation.com	11667 SE Stevens Rd.	Happy Valley	97086	503-235-3104
Peake Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services www.peakefh.com	1925 SE Scott Street	Milwaukie	97222	503-654-7755
Pegg, Paxson & Springer Funeral Chapel www.dignitymemorial.com	4675 SW Watson Street	Beaverton	97005	503-644-1176
River View Cemetery Funeral Home www.riverviewcemeteryfuneralhome.com	8421 SW Macadam Avenue	Portland	97219	503-246-6488
Riverview Abbey Funeral Home www.riverviewabbey.com	0319 SW Taylors Ferry Road	Portland	97219	503-244-7577
Rose City Cemetery & Funeral Home www.rosecityfuneralhome.com	5625 NE Fremont Street	Portland	97213	503-281-3821
Ross Hollywood Chapel and Killingsworth St. Johns Lombard Little Chapel of the Chimes www.rosshollywoodfuneralchapel.com	4733 NE Thompson Street	Portland	97213	503-281-1800
Sandy Funeral Home www.sandyfuneralhome.com	39551 Pleasant	Sandy	97055	503-668-6015
Skyline Memorial Garden Funeral Home and Cemetery www.skylinememorialgardens.com	4101 NW Skyline Blvd.	Portland	97229	503-292-6611
Springer & Son Aloha Funeral Home www.springerandson.com	4150 SW 185th Ave	Beaverton	97007	503-356-1000
Stehn's Family Chapels- Milwaukie Tribute Center www.stehnfuneralhomes.com	2906 SE Harrison Street	Milwaukie	97222	503-654-7717
Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes www.sunnysidechimes.com	11667 SE Stevens Rd.	Happy Valley	97086	503-659-1184
Terry Family Funeral Home www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com	2337 N Williams Ave	Portland	97227	503-249-1788
Willamette National Cemetary www.memorial.va.gov	11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd	Portland	97202	503-273-5250
Young's Funeral Home www.youngsfuneralhome.org	11831 SW Pacific Highway	Tigard	97223	503-639-1206
Zeller Chapel of the Roses www.zellerchapeloftheroses.com	2107 NE Broadway	Portland	97232	503-287-1155

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All County Cremation and Burial Services www.allcountyfunerals.com	605 E Barnes Street #206	Vancouver	98661	360-718-7948
Brown's Funeral Home and Cremation Services www.brownsfh.com	410 NE Garfield Street	Camas	98607	360-834-3692
Cascadia Cremation and Burial Services www.cascadiacremation.com	6303 E. 18th Street, Ste A	Vancouver	98668	360-213-2060
Davies Cremation and Burial www.daviescremationburial.com	309 E. 15th Street #E	Vancouver	98663	360-693-1036
Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel & Crematory www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com	1101 NE 112th Avenue	Vancouver	98684	360-892-6060

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Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel www.evergreenstaples.com	3414 NE 52nd Street, Suite 101	Vancouver	98661	360-693-3649
Funeral and Cremation Care - Vancouver Branch www. funeralandcremationcare.com	4400 NE 77th Ave.	Vancouver	98662	800-764-0895
Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home, Inc. www. hamiltonmylan.com	302 West 11th Street	Vancouver	98660	360-694-2537
Laynes Battle Ground Funeral Home www. laynesfuneralhome.com	NE 1st and NE Clark	Battle Ground	98604	360-687-3143
Macy & Son Funeral Home www. macyandson.com	135 NE Evans Street	McMinnville	97128	503-472-6151
Peaceful Paws Cremations (Pets) www.peacefulpaws.com	6303 E 18th Street, Ste A	Vancouver	98661	360-213-0323
Straub's Funeral Home Columbia River Cremation www.straubsfuneralhome.com	325 NE 3rd Avenue	Camas	98607	360-834-4563
Vancouver Funeral Chapel www.vancouverfuneralchapel.com	110 E. 12th Street	Vancouver	98660	360-693-3633



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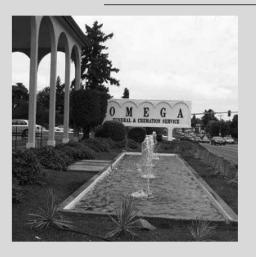
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