

## Digital Dialogue Title: Supporting Children and Youth Dealing with the Loss of a Parent or Caregiver

Planning Session Date/Time: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00–4:00 ET

Tech Dry-Run Date/Time:

Official Event Date/Time: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 ET (1:30 check-in for presenters)

Innovation Stream: Trauma and Resilience

**Digital Dialogue Description:** The loss of a parent or caregiver can have cascading impacts on child well-being. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a spotlight on the impact on these losses because of the more than 250,000 children who are estimated to have lost a caregiver due to the pandemic. Dealing with loss and adequately supporting a grieving child are issues that predate the pandemic and include children who have lost caregivers to the termination of parental rights, incarceration, and other issues. Come learn more about how to work with caregivers so they can best support a grieving child.

### Speaker One

- Name, Degree(s), Organization: Irwin Sandler, PhD
- Bio: Dr. Irwin Sandler is a Regents Professor Emeritus and Research Professor with the REACH Institute and the Department of Psychology at Arizona State University. He has been doing research on the resilience of bereaved children and on the effects of the most well-researched program for bereaved families: the Family Bereavement Program. His current work focuses on training providers to deliver the Resilient Parenting for Bereaved Families Program.

### Speaker Two

- Name, Degree(s), Organization: Deborah Langosch, PhD
- Bio: Dr. Deborah Langosch's trainings and consultations on the topics of trauma, bereavement, and ambiguous loss have helped thousands of providers improve the quality of their work with children and kin caregivers. Dr. Langosch's doctoral work focused on grandparents raising grandchildren due to the death of the parent. She was a Senior Clinical Interventionist on an NIMH-funded research grant on childhood bereavement at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for 7 years. She developed and directed the Kinship Care Program at New York City's

largest social service agency for 17 years and was the Director of the Loss and Bereavement Program for Children and Teens there. Dr. Langosch is currently a co-managing editor of the *GrandFamilies* online journal and a founding member of the GrandFamilies Outcome Workgroup (or GrOW). She serves on the Child Traumatic Loss Committee of SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network.