

## ABOUT TIG

### **The Consortium on Trauma, Illness, and Grief in Schools**

**(TIG)** was founded by Kids Adjusting through Support and the American Red Cross – Greater Rochester Chapter in Monroe County, New York. Since 2002, TIG has been managed and funded through the Monroe County Office of Mental Health.

TIG trainers are experts in the fields of trauma, illness and grief recovery as well as crisis response. Many trainers have local ties, strengthening our community-based supportive response.

TIG has trained school teachers, administrators and other school professionals in 24 school districts and private schools in Monroe County, New York and surrounding areas.



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## OUR MISSION

To develop, implement, and maintain a community and school based consortium of culturally sensitive and clinically appropriate training, support and resource services to assist schools in responding to the emotional needs of children, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel which arise from trauma, violence, illness, grief and loss.

## PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

School is a primary resource for children offering continuity, safety, information, and support for their growth and success. Many children turn to trusted teachers or other school professionals for support and help in understanding challenging events in their lives.

School personnel, especially teachers, are often a front-line resource for children experiencing, trauma, illness, death and loss -- both at the time of immediate crisis and in subsequent years, as children continue to adapt and mature. By being knowledgeable and informed, school professionals are prepared to respond and intervene effectively during these times of crisis and to support resiliency.



## TIG RESOURCES

- **6 Module Core Curriculum** taught over five days which includes a comprehensive training manual.
- **Consultation** with TIG Program Coordinator to facilitate on-going district development and provide support in times of crisis.
- The **TIG Website** with topical links and resources for school staff.
- A community based **TIG Resource Library** of professional books, school curricula and training materials, psychosocial intervention materials, and resources for parents and children.
- **Backup Support** to coordinate and activate TIG team response in the event of catastrophic/system-wide crisis.
- **Additional Trainings** on TIG related topics

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TIG is an innovative program which offers school personnel a variety of intensive training opportunities, resources and ongoing clinical support to help children cope with trauma, violence, illness, death and grief in the school setting.

School professionals are trained and are prepared to inform school policy and procedure as well as to implement response to crisis plans. TIG Teams also serve as the link between school personnel seeking assistance and the other resources of the Consortium.

## TIG CURRICULUM

- Grief & Loss at School
- Responding to Serious Illness/Injury
- Suicide Risk & Intervention in Youth and Adolescents
- School Violence: Intervention & Prevention
- Trauma
- Critical Incident Stress Management: