

# MISS Foundation Programs

## Family Outreach

Since 1996, the MISS Foundation has come to the aid of families upon the death of a child family member. Free services we provide to grieving children and adults include:

- Crisis intervention and counseling services
- Peer support
- Emergency packets
- Kindness Project™
- Books, brochures, and resources
- Support groups for adults and children
- Kid's Kamp
- Annual gatherings and conferences
- Economic aid for low income families
- Interactive website providing 25 online support forums
- Bi-monthly newsletter
- Volunteer opportunities
- Perinatal/Pediatric Hospice Support

More information on our programs is available on our website: [www.missfoundation.org](http://www.missfoundation.org).

## Risk Management and Maternal Health

While many infant and child deaths are not preventable, research indicates that certain behavioral changes can significantly modify the risk of death in the first year of life. At highest risk are certain minority populations with limited access to information or healthcare. The MISS Foundation provides crucial knowledge to families and to pregnant women in an effort to reduce stillbirth and premature birth, and improve a newborn's chance of survival during the first twelve months of life.

## The Circle of Compassion: Professional Education

The MISS Foundation provides educational opportunities for professionals, community leaders, and academicians, covering topics such as psychosocial crisis intervention, grieving children and families, and the "circle of compassion." During the course of one year, approximately 150 training sessions are completed by more than 2500 police officers, fire fighters, doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers, administrators, and other professionals. Continuing education credits are provided as a learning incentive for many disciplines. For more information on our professional seminars and workshops, please call 623.979.1000 or contact [info@missfoundation.org](mailto:info@missfoundation.org).

## Advocacy and Volunteer Opportunities

One of the basic tenets of the MISS Foundation is the idea of giving back. Volunteers get involved in public health advocacy at the legislature. We have successfully passed dozens of bills into law, helping to transform the way our communities respond to child death. By fostering an increased sense of volunteerism, and then by providing opportunities for community activism, the MISS Foundation encourages growth, empowerment, and positive focus. Many of our members remain involved for years as volunteers in order to help other newly affected children and families. No other group in the world does what the MISS Foundation does!