Resource List

Books


Lessons in Grief and Death: Supporting People with Developmental Disabilities in the Healing Process. By Linda Van Dyke. This book includes counseling techniques and activities, including music, art, and drama, to work through the grieving process.

Helping People with Developmental Disabilities Mourn: Practical Rituals for Caregivers, by Marc Markell, Ph.D. Chapters exploring use of ritual with photographs, memory objects, storytelling, stones, light, plants, drawings, food, and other rituals drawn from daily life.


Understanding Death and Illness and What They Teach about Life: An Interactive Guide for Individuals with Autism or Asperger’s and Their Loved Ones by Catherine Faherty (2008).

Gloria Goldfish Loses a Loved One, by Sally a. Kitt Chappell, PhD. Can be ordered at:

Gloria Goldfish Loses a Loved One
Stickywickitt Press
3750 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 10D
Chicago, IL 60613

The Goodbye Book By Todd Parr, November 2015/ Ages 3 to 6

Articles


“Grief and Children with Special Needs” http://www.griefspeaks.com/id96.html

“Helping People With Intellectual Disabilities Cope With Loss”
On-line Resources

http://www.sibsnetwork.org/
S.I.B.S. (Supporting Illinois Brothers & Sisters) is the official Illinois chapter of the national Sibling Leadership Network (SLN). Our mission is to provide support to siblings of people with disabilities in Illinois by connecting them with information, networking opportunities, and resources in order to enhance the quality of life for their entire family.

https://www.siblingsupport.org/
Founded in 1990, the Sibling Support Project is a national program dedicated to the life-long and ever-changing concerns of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health needs.

“How to Write a Letter of Intent”, Brian Neal Rubin, J.D.
Tips for writing a letter of intent for your child with special needs, including the format, pertinent information, and who should help write it.
http://m.nymetroparents.com/article/the-first-steps-in-writing-a-letter-of-intent

Helping kids with autism spectrum disorder navigate bereavement

Simple advice for parents

Bereavement, or the death of a loved one, as it relates to individuals with ASD and other developmental and intellectual challenges is a topic that currently receives little attention. In his article, Bereavement and Autism: A Universal Experience with Unique Challenges, Brian Wong provides an excellent overview of the topic and draws on his own personal experiences to explain the importance behind supporting an individual with ASD before, during, and after a major loss
http://autismnow.org/blog/grief-and-bereavement/

This site is maintained by Naperville mom, Dawn Villareal. See her exhaustive list of funeral home videos and behavioral supports.

Sample social story about death, using Lion King.

Sample social stories on issues related to grief (funerals, wakes, etc.).
http://www.griefandautism.com/sample-social-stories