


ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES HARMED BY HOMICIDE

A virtual presentation by the
North Carolina Victim Assistance Network (NCVAN)
and Cherry Hospital

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020

Part One - 10:00-11:30 AM

Part Two - 1:00-2:30 PM



Homicide impacts individuals, families, and communities in extreme, immediate, and long-lasting ways. The unique grief that follows a homicide is among the most complicated forms of grief. Loved ones of homicide victims commonly report feeling abandoned, neglected, isolated, shamed, and blamed. Interactions with the legal system and media often cause additional harm. Complications multiply when both the victim and the person responsible for the homicide are members of the same family, congregation, or community. Supportive relationships are violently ripped. Existing support systems often fail after a violent death. It can fall on clergy and chaplains to assist loved ones of both deceased victims and/or loved ones of persons responsible for violent death. Too often, even with the best of intentions, clergy and other members of the community say and do things that hurt more than help. Perhaps worse, members of the community often keep their distance and add to feelings of stigma and isolation.

Participants in this two-part workshop will:

1. Understand similarities and differences between “murder grief” and other forms of grief.
2. Learn a trauma-informed, person-centered, person-empowering, re-humanizing framework for assisting individuals, families, and communities harmed by homicide.
3. Understand practical, spiritual, and emotional tools for assisting those affected by homicide.
4. Understand what to do and say – and not do and not say – so as to be more likely to help than to cause additional harm.
5. Learn the “Five Ps” of assisting persons harmed by violent death.
6. Learn about resources available to assist loved ones of homicide victims and others impacted by violent death in their families and communities.

Certificates of Participation will be provided upon request and will be suitable for continuing education credits for some professions. It is the responsibility of the participant to verify approval of this training for continuing education for their profession.

To register, click here <https://form.jotform.com/202474727370153> or call 919-831-2857 x 101 or email scott@nc-van.org.

About the Presenter

Scott Bass serves as Director of Homicide Support Services for the North Carolina Victim Assistance Network (NCVAN). His primary responsibilities at NCVAN are developing programs, services, and trainings to enhance support for loved ones of murder victims. His projects include establishing support groups for co-victims of homicide and providing trainings for professionals and volunteers on assisting loved ones of murder victims. Scott has worked with loved ones of homicide victims as a therapist, a minister, an advocate, and in other roles for many years. His experience also includes working with loved ones of persons responsible for murder, giving him a unique perspective of the broad impact of homicide and community responses to homicide.

The North Carolina Victim Assistance Network is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1986. Through advocacy, training and technical assistance, NCVAN supports the rights and wellbeing of surviving loved ones of homicide victims and others harmed by violent crime in NC.