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FOR ALL CHILDREN






Media Kit

Rainbows for All Children is an international non-profit organization based in Evanston, IL dedicated to creating a community that connects youth with the support they need to navigate grief and heal from loss.



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ABOUT US

Mission

To create a community that connects youth with the support they need to navigate and heal from loss.

Vision

No one should have to navigate grief and loss alone.

Programs

Grief Peer-support Groups

Rainbows (Ages 3-18)

Kaleidoscope (Ages 18-25)

Prism (Parents)

Community Crisis support Groups

Silver Linings (All Ages)

For youth

Free support groups for youth ages 3-25, led by caring adults in their own communities. These programs are separated by age and have been proven to provide positive results such as:

- Developing and strengthening problem solving and coping skills
- Learning stress and anger management
- Alleviating depression and anxiety
- Improving communication skills
- Reducing emotional pain and suffering.

History

Rainbows for All Children began as a grassroots mission founded by Suzy Yehl Marta in the early 1980s. Over the last 30 years, this program has expanded throughout the United States and other countries, serving nearly 4 million youth experiencing grief due to a wide range of traumas.

1983- The Rainbows curricula was piloted in three of the Chicago Archdiocese's Schools.

1998- Silver Linings was developed to support community crises.

2003- Suzy published her book, "Healing the Hurt, Restoring the Hope."

2013- Suzy unexpectedly passed after a sudden cancer diagnosis.

Suzy said she would never stop until all grieving youth had a voice. Rainbows for All Children is committed to ensuring her mission lives on with the same compassion and commitment.

What We Offer

For volunteers

We offer self-guided online training at a low one-time cost to certify volunteers to facilitate our curricula. To become a facilitator:

- You do not need to be a therapist or social worker to get certified
- Certification can count as continued education for all who complete it.
- Training takes 8-10 hours depending on which programs you chose to run.



WHO TO KNOW



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KEY TEAM MEMBERS [CLICK HERE FOR FULL STAFF BIOS](#)

Stephanie Garrity
Executive Director



Stephanie leads the staff and the Board of Directors. She is committed to growing Rainbows' resources, while ensuring that all supporters and facilitators remain connected with our mission of serving youth dealing with grief and loss.

Liz Falstreau
Community Education Manager



Liz's responsibilities include social media management, internship management, content creation, program presentation and marketing, as well as serving as the point of contact for community program partners.

Colleen Havey
Event Coordinator



Colleen works under the Executive Director to help create unique events to support Rainbows For All Children's fundraising efforts, as well as raise awareness for Rainbows' programs.

Paula Carter
Volunteer Coordinator



Paula's responsibilities include everyday office administration, such as answering the phones, replying to emails, greeting clients, maintaining files and records, onboarding facilitators and assisting Stephanie and the team with projects.

KEY BOARD MEMBERS

Demi Hutchinson
Chair



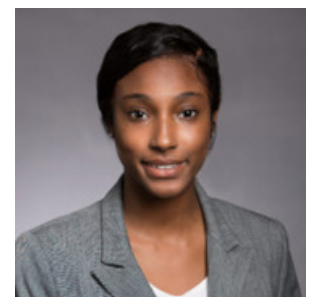
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Secretary



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FACTS AND FIGURES



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WHY YOUNG PEOPLE NEED RAINBOWS

1 IN 2
YOUNG PEOPLE
WILL EXPERIENCE
THEIR PARENTS'
SEPARATION OR
DIVORCE.



1 IN 40
YOUNG PEOPLE
WILL HAVE AT
LEAST ONE
PARENT BEING
DEPLOYED.
42% of them are under the age of five.



1 IN 12
YOUNG PEOPLE
WILL EXPERIENCE
A PARENT OR
GUARDIAN BEING
INCARCERATED.
Approximately half are under ten years old.
1/28 currently have an incarcerated parent.
Source: youth.gov



1 IN 14
YOUNG PEOPLE
WILL EXPERIENCE
THE DEATH OF A
LOVED ONE OR
FAMILY MEMBER.
Source: National Education Association



1 IN 12
YOUNG PEOPLE
LIVE WITH AN
UNDOCUMENTED
FAMILY MEMBER.
From 2013-2018, 231,000 people who have
1 child who is a U.S. citizen were deported.
Source: American Immigration Council



1 IN 10
YOUNG PEOPLE
WILL HAVE A
PARENT WITH A
CHRONIC MEDICAL
CONDITION.
55% experience acute emotional problems.

These are examples of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs. ACEs can have a profound and lasting impact on a child's physical, mental, and emotional health.

WHY TEACHERS NEED RAINBOWS

72%
of teachers
say that they
need more
tangible
resources
Source: 2006, Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health.



7 out of 10
teachers report having at least
one grieving student currently in
their classroom.
Source: 2012, New York Life Foundation



93%
of classroom
teachers report
that they have
never received
bereavement
training.
Source: 2006, Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health.



TESTIMONIALS



"You could see a change in the classroom. Kids were excited to come to Rainbows and felt special."

-Volunteer Facilitator

"I would recommend Rainbows to other parents, it helps them open up and relate to other people, it is good to know they can have someone to talk to about it" **-Rainbows Parent**

"Rainbows helped me because when I think of him I'm not sad"

-7 year-old participant

"What I like best about Rainbows was they help me get anger and sadness out of me"

-10 year-old participant



Rainbows For All Children: See the Difference We Can Make - YouTube

AWARDS



**AMICABLE DIVORCE NETWORK
"BEST AMICABLE ACADEMY 2022"**

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
CENTER FOR ENGAGED LEARNING,
TEACHING & SCHOLARSHIP
"2022 COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD
FOR CO-EDUCATION"**

**EVANSTON LIGHTHOUSE
ROTARY CLUB
"2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE
GRANT RECIPIENT"**



LOGOS

PRIMARY



SECONDARY



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SCHEDULING



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