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‘Exploring the Grief of Addiction and Overdose Death’ offers insight and 3 CEUs

(LARGO, MD, February 12, 2018) – With an increase in substance-use disorders and overdose deaths directly impacting our communities, it is critical for clinicians to gain knowledge and understand the experience to serve family members being touched by this epidemic. Social workers can earn continuing education credit and while learning how to help people affected by this crisis with “Exploring the Grief of Addiction and Overdose Death,” a seminar offered by Chesapeake Life Center.

The class will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2018, at Hospice of the Chesapeake’s Prince George’s County office, 9500 Medical Center Drive, Suite 250, Largo, Maryland. Presented by licensed clinical social worker Litsa Williams, the cofounder of the grief website What’s Your Grief, this continuing education opportunity will provide a foundation to understanding the needs and evidence-based tools for helping families impacted by the opioid crisis. Professionals should come away with an understanding of coping with a substance-related death as well as the unique aspects of family grief connected with addiction.

Social workers licensed by the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners who participate can earn 3.0 Category I continuing education units. Chesapeake Life Center is authorized by the Board of Social Work Examiners in Maryland to sponsor social work continuing education programs and maintains full responsibility for this program.

The cost is \$40, plus \$2.99 online registration fee. Space is limited to 25 people. Preregistration is required and can be completed online at www.hospicechesapeake.org/event/exploring-the-grief-of-addiction-overdose-death. For details, call 888-501-7077 or email griefinfo@hospicechesapeake.org.

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About the presenter:

Litsa Williams, MA, LCSW-C is the co-founder of the grief website and support community What's Your Grief as well as the grief expression sites Photogrief and Grief In Six Words. With a

background in substance abuse services in addition to grief, Williams and her team provide specific and targeted grief support and education to families grieving the ambiguous loss of having a family



member with a substance-use disorder, as well as to those who have lost a loved one to overdose. Before founding What's Your Grief, Williams worked with patients and families at end of life in circumstances of unexpected and traumatic losses, supporting families and providing ongoing grief and bereavement support in the years following a death.

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Chesapeake Life Center, a program service of Hospice of the Chesapeake, serves hospice family members and the community with bereavement services and activities aimed at enhancing the quality of life for those grieving the loss of a loved one.