Caring Communities Program - Project Overview

Organisation: National Centre for Childhood Grief Australia Ltd
Name of Project: Kids Grief: A Handbook for Group Leaders
Length of Project: April 2003 to May 2004

Project Summary:
Production of a manual/handbook to enable skilled professionals and volunteers to conduct effective support groups for bereaved children.

In particular this practical, user friendly resource would be invaluable for use with children in remote areas and in health settings with limited resources.

The major advantage of this project is that although it will be developed in Sydney, it has potential application nationally.

Project Objectives:
1. To develop a manual which will enhance the skills of health care professionals and volunteers in the provision of care for bereaved families.

2. To make possible accessible bereavement support services in wider geographical areas.

3. To help broaden current palliative care services to include support for bereaved children.

4. To provide a simple, user friendly resource for health workers in remote or under resourced areas.

Project Activities:
1. Design and develop instructional content for support leaders' manual.

2. Design and develop children's therapeutic activities.

3. Select target group and trial manual.

4. Provide materials for distribution to health workers.