

POSSIBLE REACTIONS OF CHILDREN TO BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

1. Child retells events of the death and funeral.
2. Child dwells on things he/she used to do with the deceased.
3. Child is disruptive in class.
4. Student says he/she cannot concentrate and therefore cannot complete work assignments.
5. Child instigates fights.
6. Child rejects old friends and teams up with classmates whose parent/sibling is also dead.
7. Child becomes the "class clown".
8. Child is preoccupied with medical cause of loved one's death.
9. Child spends free time walking or sitting alone.
10. Child, at times, appears to be unmoved by the death of deceased.
11. Child may become overly sensitive and tearful.
12. Child drops out of after-school activities.
13. Child assumes role of dead parent.
14. Child mentions talking to the deceased.
15. Child relates dreams about the deceased.
16. Child attempts to phone home often during school hours.
17. Child is preoccupied with his/her own death.

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