

Supporting Children/Youth and Families in the Aftermath of Crisis

- Windsor High School Theater
- Thursday, May 17, 2018
- 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.



Crises have the potential to cause short and long-term effects on the psychological functioning, emotional adjustment, health, and developmental trajectory of children and youth. Crisis events often impact adults in a school community to at least the same degree they impact the students.

This session will provide: practical suggestions for parents or school staff on how to:

- **Identify common adjustment difficulties in children**
- **Promote effective coping strategies**
- **Focus on the importance of professional self-care (strategies included) for adults caring for children who are in distress**

Presented by: David J Schonfeld, MD, FAAP

David J Schonfeld, MD, FAAP established and directs the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement (www.schoolcrisiscenter.org). He is Professor of the Practice in Social Work and Pediatrics at the University of Southern California and Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

For over 30 years, he has provided consultation and training to schools on supporting students and staff at times of crisis and loss in the aftermath of numerous school crisis events and disasters within the United States and abroad, including school and community shootings and stabbings in Parkland, FL, Newton, CT, Benton, KY, Las Vegas, NC, Spokane, WA, Marysville, WA, Osaka, Japan, Corning, CA, Aurora, CO, Platte Canyon, CO, Chardon, Oh, and Townville, SC; flooding from Hurricanes Maria in San Juan, Sandy in NYC and NJ, Katrina in New Orleans and Ike in Galveston; tornadoes in Joplin, MO and Alabama; wildfires in Sonoma County, CA and in the Great Smoky Mountains in Sevierville, TN; and the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan, China. He coordinated the training for school crisis response teams for the NYC DOE after the events of September 11, 2001.

Dr. Schonfeld frequently speaks (with over 1,000 presentations) on the topics of crisis and loss and has authored more than 100 scholarly articles, book chapters, and books. He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council and the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB)/National Preparedness and Response Science Board (NPRSB). He served as a Commissioner for both the National Commission on Children and Disasters and the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission in CT.



Time will be available for questions from attendees
Recommended audience: Parents, Staff, Community Members