

Evaluation Plan

Program evaluation will utilize a mixed-methods approach incorporating participant feedback, facilitator observations, and program documentation. Following each therapeutic art experience, participants will complete a brief anonymous survey assessing the extent to which the activity supported emotional expression, fostered connection with others who have experienced loss, introduced art as a coping strategy, and provided a meaningful overall experience. Participants will also have the opportunity to provide open-ended feedback regarding the impact of the program.

Facilitators will complete a standardized observation form following each event documenting participant engagement, implementation of planned activities, evidence of emotional expression and peer connection, and any adaptations made to meet participant needs. Program activities will be documented through attendance records, facilitator notes, lesson plans, and photographs of the events and artwork (with appropriate permissions). At the conclusion of the project, quantitative survey data and qualitative feedback will be analyzed to evaluate program quality, participant reach, achievement of project goals, and the effectiveness of therapeutic arts programming in supporting bereaved children and families.

Therapeutic Art Program Participant Survey

We want to know what you thought about today's art program! There are no right or wrong answers. Circle the face that best matches how you feel.

-  **A lot** (5)
-  **Some** (4)
-  **A little** (3)
-  **Not much** (2)
-  **Not at all** (1)

(For older youth, numbers will be 1–5.)

Today's art activity...

Emotional Expression

1. Helped me show my feelings.



2. Helped me understand my feelings better.



Connection

3. Helped me feel connected to other kids who have had someone important die.



4. Helped me feel less alone.



Coping

5. Taught me a new way to cope with hard feelings.



6. I think I will use art again when I have big feelings.



Program Quality

7. I felt safe and welcome today.



8. I enjoyed today's art activity.



9. I would come to another art program like this.



Open-Ended Questions

10. What was your favorite part of today?

11. Is there anything you'd change for next time?

Facilitator Observation Form

Observation	Not at All	A Little	Some	Quite a Bit	A Lot
Children actively participated in the art activity.	1	2	3	4	5
Children appeared engaged throughout the session.	1	2	3	4	5
Children expressed emotions through artwork, conversation, or play.	1	2	3	4	5
Children interacted positively with peers.	1	2	3	4	5
Children appeared comfortable and emotionally supported.	1	2	3	4	5