*Children and Grief: A Journey of Healing*

*One (1.5) hours for Social Work CEU has been approved for this session.

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**Description**

This workshop will explore the unique ways in which children grieve, focusing on the tasks of grief, developmental factors, and strategies for coping. In addition, specific interventions to promote healing will be discussed.

**Speaker Bio**

Susan Thomas, LCSW-R, ACSW, FT, Program Director for the Center for H.O.P.E. (Healing, Opportunity, Perseverance, Enlightenment) at The Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center. She is also a fellow in Thanatology and Certified Trauma and Loss Specialist and has worked in the field of grief, loss and trauma for the past thirty years. Ms. Thomas is the recipient of the 2010 Presidents Award for Patient Excellence for the entire Northwell Health System. Ms. Thomas coordinates all services provided by the Center for HOPE and is responsible for all the staff and volunteers who work at the Center. Ms. Thomas also has presented at many national conferences and seminars and maintains a private practice in New Hyde Park, NY.