



Circle of Care

grief and illness services for children and families

A program of East Bay Agency for Children



Fall 2006

Welcoming Autumn Season

As the school year opens there is a feeling of beginning. Another year at Circle of Care is gearing up, with new students and interns, re-convening support groups, and ongoing counseling services. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

For our old and new friends we thought we would pause before we are in full swing, and review the many services we offer. Many of you know us through one of our services, but some of you may not know the many types of support we offer. So here is a handy summary:



SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups are offered for

families living with illness and families in which a parent or caregiver has died. Children's support groups, for toddlers through 18 year olds, provide a safe place to share experiences and explore feelings. Parent/caregiver groups meet at the same time and location. Support groups meet every other week in the evening.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Individual and Family counseling services are home/office-based and are designed to support children and their parents/caretakers during the crisis of illness, loss, bereavement, or trauma. Families who would like counseling services work with Circle of Care interns and students who receive ongoing training and supervision in our Graduate Practicum and Internship Program.

SERVICES TO HIV/AIDS IMPACTED FAMILIES

Circle of Care offers home-based or school-based services and support groups to families who are HIV/AIDS impacted. The volunteers, students, and interns receive specialized training and supervision for this work.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-BASED CONSULTATION SERVICES

Circle of Care offers telephone consultation and intervention services to schools and community groups where children are dealing with issues of a life-threatening illness, loss, or trauma. Arrangements may also be made to provide time-limited,

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on-site intervention to programs for families, students, or staff dealing with these crises. In addition, Families who would like support on a one- or two-time basis may arrange for a 90-minute consultation. A Circle of Care staff person or advanced intern will provide information and referrals to help the parents/caretakers with problem solving.

Please refer anyone you think might benefit from joining our Circle of Care community. As always, we charge no fees for our support groups and welcome any donations to keep the programs going. We wish you and your family a smooth transition into the busy-ness of fall. Remember to take the time you need to honor all of life's gifts, season by season, and we look forward to hearing of your summer experiences.

Your Grocery shopping helps support Circle of Care

Circle of Care is excited to present eScrip as an easy method to support our program while you shop! Yes, that's right, support children and families coping with illness and loss just by doing your normal everyday shopping.



Once you register with eScrip, every time you use your Safeway club card, Macy's card or Visa credit card, a percentage of your purchase total will go to Circle of Care at no extra charge to you. It is very easy to sign up for escrip by going directly to www.escrip.com. Simply enter East Bay Agency for Children's Group ID# 500003966 when prompted. Once you register with them be sure to contact Alinya, our Volunteer Coordinator at 510-531-7551 x109 or alinya@ebac.org and let her know you signed up so that she



can be sure your escrip donations are designated directly to Circle of Care. If you don't have internet access Alinya can also help you sign up over the phone, or she can send you a sign up form in the mail.

We are very excited to be a part of escrip giving and thank you for taking part in one of the many creative ways to support Circle of Care! Tell your friends too!

Come visit us!!!

www.ebac.org/programs/circle

We have made some wonderful updates to our website and hope that you will take the time to check it out.

All of our current and past newsletters are now available in easy to read PDF format. This can be helpful



if you are wanting to know the group schedule or want to check out photos and articles from the past. Also new to our website is a Circle of Care Giving Page. Here you will be

able to order Quilt Cards & Memorial Plaques, along with many other ways that you can support our program. We hope you enjoy these new technological additions to our web page, and we welcome your suggestions on how to make it even better.

The following donations have been made to Circle of Care In Memory of or In Honor of a loved one. Circle of Care thanks you for your continued support of our program.

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Barbara Beery

In Memory of
Phyllis A. Beesley

Jamie Lee Evans

In Memory of
My Mother Gloria

Michelle Roos

In Memory of Leo G. Roos

Natalie Van Tassel

In Memory of
Bob and Conor Van Tassel

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Gifts of any size are always welcome. Consider making a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use the enclosed envelope for donation and it will be listed in our next newsletter.

Faces of Summer Fun 2006!

Photographs by
Melissa Anson



We would like to thank all of our support group families and volunteer facilitators for once again making our 5th annual Summer Fun Day just that, a lot of FUN! On July 15th, over 20 families gathered at Circle of Care to participate in this year's activities, which included an Astro-jumper, clown, face painting, egg toss, relay races, art projects, and balloon making. We'd like to extend a very warm THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who helped to make this fun-filled day possible: Amy Boxer, Elisabeth Hopkins, Amanda Field, Will Kim, Robert Plummer, Kelly Kwok, Steve Belcher, Kelly Erickson, Judy Blumenfeld, Kelley Reardon and Clown Debbie Brown. We also thank Northern California Grant Makers Summer Youth Program for helping fund this fabulous event.



Enjoy these pictures of the day, and more on the next page!



More Summer Fun.....



Fall Calendar 2006

September 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Loss Group	7 Loss Group	8	9
10	11	12	13 Living w/Illness	14 Extended Fam. Loss	15	16 Vol Training
17	18	19 Vol Training	20 Loss Group	21 Loss Group	22	23
24	25	26	27 Living w/Illness	28 Extended Fam. Loss	29	30

October 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Loss Group	5 Loss Group	6	7
8	9	10	11 Living w/Illness	12 Extended Fam. Loss	13	14
15	16	17	18 Loss Group	19 Loss Group	20	21
22	23	24	25 Living w/Illness	26 Extended Fam. Loss	27	28
29	30	31				

November 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Loss Group	2 Loss Group	3	4
5	6	7	8 Living w/Illness	9 Extended Fam. Loss	10	11
12	13	14	15 Loss Group	16 Loss Group	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Living w/Illness	30 Extended Fam. Loss		

Support Group Schedule

All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Families need to be pre-registered to attend a support group.
Questions?

Call Melissa at 531-7551 x 195

- ♥ **Wednesday Living with Loss:**
September 6th & 20th, October 4th & 18th, November 1st & 15th
- ♥ **Thursday Living with Loss:**
September 7th & 21st, October 5th & 19th, November 2nd & 16th
- ♥ **Wednesday Living with Illness:**
September 13th & 27th, October 11th & 25, November 8th & 29th
- ♥ **Thursday Extended Family Loss:**
September 14th & 28th, October 12th & 26th, November 9th & 30th
- ♥ **Teen Support at WCRC:** This groups meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Ongoing

Volunteer Recruitment

Our next training for new volunteers will be held in

Spring 2007

Request and application online at www.ebac.org or contact Alinya Charron for more information

at 531-7551 x109 or email alinya@ebac.org

Calendar Notes

Shaded Boxes indicate our offices are closed.

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Circle of Care, formerly PediatriCare, assists children and families coping with grief and illness through support groups, counseling and school-based programs. We collaborate with Children's Hospital Oakland, Women's Cancer Resource Center and Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. We are one of the very few programs in the county devoted exclusively to the needs of children and their families who are dealing with grief in their lives. We are supported entirely by donations from the community, foundations and the families we serve.

Requesting Services:

If you or someone you know could benefit from individual counseling or group services, please call 510-531-7551. We will have a short telephone interview to get you started in our program.

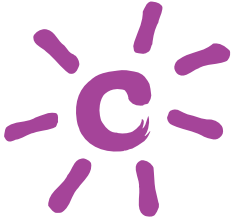
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Circle of Care is proud to be a program of **East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC)**. EBAC improves health, offers hope, and provides opportunities to children and families. Our programs, located throughout Alameda County, prepare children to succeed in school; assist families through times of crisis; and provide therapeutic support to children who have suffered from abuse and/or neglect. Founded in 1952 by local parents, we have grown from a small program serving 18 children into a comprehensive regional agency making a lasting impact on more than 15,000 children and families every year.



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