

GSSI Newsletter: May

From the New York Life Foundation

Hello Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative® network! As always, our team at the New York Life Foundation appreciates your continued commitment to providing a more Grief Sensitive environment for students in your community. Please see upcoming offerings and resources. With any questions, please email gssi@newyorklife.com.

Annual Engagement Survey

- We want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete our annual GSSI survey. Your feedback helps us understand how your school, district, or nonprofit has been impacted by GSSI resources and guides our work for the year ahead.
- For each survey respondent, we will ship a book by leading bereavement professional Dr. David Schonfeld, as well as our grief tip cards for caring adults, all at no cost (while supplies last)! Please be sure to fill out your mailing information at the end of the survey.
- Follow this link to the Survey: [Take the survey](#)
 - Or, copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser: https://research.newyorklife.com/jfe/form/SV_b9qsoV3R9IYW4m2?Q_DL=g1Tjf4H92Kq3lbq_b9qsoV3R9IYW4m2_CGC_oMv80OiundvFMhq&Q_CHL=email

Culturally Informed Response to Grief and Loss Certificate (CIRGL)

- As part of the Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative (GSSI), you have access to the Culturally Informed Responses to Grief and Loss course—available free with a discount code on a first-come, first-served basis.
- This self-directed, fully online certificate program equips school-based professionals with culturally responsive, healing-centered strategies to support students experiencing grief and loss, and participants earn a certificate of completion upon successfully completing the course.
- Upon completion, educators will receive 12.5 CEUs for the course.
- **Instructions for access:**
 - Go to: <https://sswaaed.matrixlms.com/>
 - Create a profile

- Login - Note that your login information is different from your email (your login can be the first part of your email, but do not include the '@email.com' portion when signing in on the login screen).
- Click on 'catalog' on the left side bar
- Select the 'CIRGL 2025' course
- Select 'Purchase for \$250'
- Click 'Apply Coupon'
- Enter coupon code GRIEFSENSCHOOLNYLF25
- Click 'complete check out', which will bring the cost to \$0 and allow access to the course
- Enter the course by finding it through the 'catalogue' or 'courses' button on the left side bar

First Book Reminder

- Don't miss the chance to redeem your free [First Book](#) Welcome Package with grief, loss, and healing titles for students and families.
- [Link to redemption form](#).

Best regards,

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