



FERNSIDE

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES THROUGH GRIEF

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SCHOOLS & FERNSIDE CENTER FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

Enter School Name Boone County Schools -

1. This MOU is between Fernside and the school listed above. Fernside provides peer support groups for students who have experienced a death. Fernside provides support and advocacy to grieving families and schools through a variety of programs. Fernside does not diagnose or treat mental disorders and does not provide counseling/therapy services.
2. Grief support services will be offered at no cost to the school. All supplies and costs in conjunction with the on-site grief support group will be covered by Fernside.
3. Groups will be facilitated by a Fernside Staff Member, Fernside Intern or Fernside-Trained Volunteer. All Fernside Staff Members, Fernside Interns, and Fernside Volunteers have obtained a Fingerprint Criminal Background Check.
4. Fernside's peer support groups are time-limited and will meet once a week for five consecutive weeks. We will work with you to determine the best day and time to hold the group.
5. Fernside requires a minimum of four students in order to hold an on-site grief group. Fernside will screen identified group members and discuss any concerns.
6. Completed Support Group Questionnaires and signed Release Forms for all students participating in the group must be returned to Fernside before scheduling a group.
7. The school is responsible for providing a space that is appropriate for group work (table & chairs) and has limited interruptions. The school is responsible for assembling group members before the start of each group meeting.
8. If a safety concern arises at any point for a student, Fernside staff will notify the school immediately. The school will follow up with the student and parent/guardian.
9. Students may only participate in one Fernside session per school year. If a student needs long-term support, the family can be referred to our evening program.

School Contact Name, Title & District
Julia Pile, School Board chairperson

9/8/22
Date

Christi Kettman, Outreach Coordinator at Fernside Center for Grieving Children

Date