

## PEACE

Parents Enduring Addiction Consequences Everyday (PEACE) was founded in 2003 by three mothers who had lost their sons to addiction. This was a grief group specifically designed for parents who had lost their children to the disease of addiction, the only group of this kind in the N KY area. In the beginning, the group was facilitated by CancerFamily Care.

Today, the group has developed into a peer-led grief support group for anyone who is learning to cope with the death of a loved one from the disease of addiction or a drug-related death such as death by suicide. While the acronym remains the same, PEACE now connotes People Enduring Addiction Consequences Everyday. This change came with the realization that there were brothers, sisters, grandparents, other relatives and friends who were also grieving the loss of a loved one.

PEACE meets the first Tuesday of every month in Transitions Grateful Life Center located at 305 Pleasure Isle Drive, Erlanger, KY 41017. The meeting is from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Each member's contact information is added to a distribution list so they can receive notices about meeting changes, events, etc. throughout the year.

Realizing that each person grieves differently, we travel this path alone together. While the sole purpose of the group is to support each other on our grief journey in a warm, caring, supportive environment, there have also been opportunities to participate in advocacy activities that raise awareness about the disease of addiction.

For the past three years, PEACE with the sponsorship of Transitions, has hosted an annual vigil, remembering those who have died from the disease of addiction. Information is posted on Transitions' website closer to the event date.

Participation in meetings and other outside activities is **strictly voluntary**. There is no cost to attend PEACE.

Our hope is that PEACE will be of benefit to those who attend and that each person will discover a new and peaceful way to live.

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