



Dear Friend,

Thank you for requesting information about Katy's Kids@CMEE Volunteer Facilitator Training. We are so pleased that you want to learn more about how to become volunteer facilitator in our support groups for children, teens, young adults, and their family members who are grieving a death.

There is no way we could provide support for the many grieving children and families without the time, energy, and heart that our volunteers so generously donate. We value having a diverse group of volunteers related to experiences with grief as well as gender, age, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, and education.

Please read through the following information before applying for the training:

- We require that volunteers make a one-year commitment to working with a group. This translates into approximately 3 1/2 hours every other week. This commitment helps create safety and continuity for the children, teens, young adults, and adults in our groups.
- If you have experienced a death within the last year, please discuss this with program staff before applying, as training can be an intense experience for those who are grieving a recent loss.
- In order to become a facilitator, you will need to attend all 18 hours of the training sessions as outlined in the enclosed schedule.
- Completion of the training is not a guarantee that you will be accepted as a facilitator.
- If you are accepted as a facilitator, you will work under the supervision of one of our master's level program staff Coordinators in a group that meets every other week for 3 1/2 hours.
- After the training but before working in a group, you will need to complete a Background Check Disclosure Authorization and Release form.
- Applications are accepted on an on-going basis. Decisions about training spots will be made approximately one to two months prior to the training dates.

To apply for Volunteer Facilitator Training:

1. Complete both sides of the enclosed "Facilitator Training Application."
2. Mail to: Katy's Courage, P.O. Box 3251, Sag Harbor, NY 11963 or Email to: info@katyscourage.org
3. You will receive an email or a phone call quickly!

Sincerely,
Jim Stewart, Coordinator

Upcoming Volunteer Facilitator Training Session at CMEE:

Friday, March 20 from 4:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Third date to be determined after meeting in person with the volunteers!



Katy's Kids @ CMEE

Volunteer Facilitator Training Application

Mail to: Katy's Courage, P.O. Box 3251, Sag Harbor, NY 11963 or Email to: info@katyscourage.org

Name: _____

Birth date: _____

Home Address: _____

Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone:()

E-Mail:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Phone:()

Your Employer:

Work Phone:()

Dates of the Training Requested: March 20 and 21 with third date TBD.

Please check below:

- I understand that I am required to attend all 18 hours (3 sessions) of the Volunteer Facilitator Training before I can become a facilitator in a peer support group sponsored by Katy's Kids @ CMEE.
- I understand that Katy's Kids@CMEE reserves the right to accept or reject any potential trainee as a facilitator even after he/she has completed the 3 sessions of the training.
- I understand that this training is offered only to those who intend to volunteer for at least one year as a facilitator of a peer support group sponsored by Katy's Kids@CMEE and that the minimum commitment is for approximately 3 ½ hours per session in a group that meets every other week.
- I understand that if I am accepted as a facilitator, I will be asked to complete a Background Check Disclosure Form.

- I understand that facilitating children may be physically active. I am physically able to climb stairs, sit on the floor and play actively!

Signature _____ Date _____

1. Please provide information about the deaths and other losses you have experienced.

2. Please tell us your reasons for applying, including what you hope to gain personally from this training and volunteering as a facilitator at Katy's Kids @ CMEE.

3. Describe any previous training you have had related to the grieving process.

4. Describe your personal, professional and/or volunteer experiences with children, teens, and adults.

5. Do you speak any languages other than English? If so, please list:

Thank you for interest in Katy's Kids@CMEE!