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MOBILIZING GRIEF - BUILDING NETWORKS OF CARE

An AVRCE Pilot – The Grief Literacy Project: Helping Children Find Language, Connection, and Support Around Grief and Loss

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Mary Hanneman is a consultant with AVRCE Critical Response Services and Regional Crisis Team Lead, with extensive experience supporting schools, families, and communities through crisis, grief, loss, and trauma. Her work focuses on strengthening trauma-informed, compassionate, and practical responses within school communities.

Mary has provided professional learning and consultation across education, emergency services, and community settings, with a strong commitment to helping adults feel more prepared to support children through difficult experiences.

This current work in grief literacy is grounded in the belief that when children are given developmentally appropriate language, caring relationships, and safe opportunities to talk about grief and loss, schools can become stronger networks of care before, during, and after hard things happen.