

# **Bereavement**

## **[Child Bereavement UK](#)**

Supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

## **[Childhood Bereavement Network](#)**

The hub for those working with bereaved children, young people and their families across the UK.

## **[Cruse Bereavement Care](#)**

Exist to promote the wellbeing of all bereaved people and to enable them to understand their grief and cope with their loss.

Cruse have a [section on their website](#) which provides information on drug and alcohol related bereavement.

## **[DrugFAM](#)**

DrugFAM was established in 2006 by Elizabeth Burton-Phillips after losing Nick, one of her twin sons, to heroin addiction. As part of her recovery process Elizabeth wrote and published the book 'Mum, can you lend me twenty quid? What drugs did to my family'. The response to the book was amazing and has since been translated into 5 languages and adapted to at Theatre in Education stage play.

DrugFAM's primary purpose is to provide a lifeline to families, friends and carers affected by someone else's substance misuse. DrugFAM aims to ensure that those who turn to us are listened to, understood and supported. We believe passionately that no-one should struggle with the stigma from wider society or be left in isolation, fear and ignorance of local and national support.

DrugFAM has three strategic aims:

1. To support those affected by someone else's drug or alcohol misuse
2. To support anyone who's been bereaved by drugs or alcohol
3. To provide education and raise awareness of the impact of someone's addiction on families, friends, carers and local communities.

## **[The Compassionate Friends \(TCF\)](#)**

Provide support to any parent whose child has died. They offer a helpline, an online forum, legal advice and befriending services. They also run a service for [bereaved siblings](#).

## **[Down to Earth](#)**

This project, run by [Quaker Social Action](#), is run for people on low incomes. It offer free advocacy and practical guidance on finding the most affordable and appropriate funeral, whilst helping people apply for financial assistance.

### **Widowed and Young (WAY)**

Offer support to anyone under 50 who has lost their partner. This may take the form of peer support, practical advice, meet-ups and more.