



TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

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Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Event Attendance and Accommodation Policy (for public disclosure)

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TAPS is proud to present a number of opportunities for our TAPS family members to connect with each other throughout the year. These TAPS-organized events, including Regional and National Seminars, Good Grief Camps, Good Grief Campouts, Retreats and other TAPS-organized activities, serve to bring TAPS families together and connect them with support and resources.

TAPS seeks to provide these options for our family members and recognizes that participation in some, or all, TAPS-led events and activities is dependent on each TAPS family member's personal situation. To that end, we publish the following:

- 1) TAPS encourages attendees to review the information provided about each event and determine if the event (and the expected activities) are a good fit. If there are questions, attendees may contact TAPS staff.
- 2) TAPS recognizes that some activities (especially those connected to some TAPS Retreats) may be more strenuous for TAPS family members than others. TAPS encourages attendees to take this into account when considering any TAPS event and taking into account individual abilities and personal health knowledge.
- 3) The TAPS Event Intake Form associated with each event will provide attendees with an opportunity to identify any health concerns or possible accommodations that might be critical for individual participation at a TAPS event. We encourage participants to be complete and thorough with this assessment. We may contact applicants to seek clarification and/or discuss the items presented on this intake form. If there are any medical or psychological conditions, it is important that this information be shared to ensure individual safety and the safety of all other TAPS participants.
- 4) While TAPS will make every effort to accommodate specific needs for participation in its events, it is important to evaluate each request for accommodations to determine if assistance can be provided in whole, if pro-bono/volunteer support can be provided, or if resources outside of TAPS must be secured by the participant over and above the accommodations that TAPS is able to provide.
- 5) TAPS reserves the right to decline registration and/or access to a TAPS function should an individual's behavior, health or mental condition not be deemed suitable for the specific TAPS event.