

**Coral Popowitz, MA., CT.**  
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Children's Grief Connection Executive Director, Coral Popowitz, has been involved with Children's Grief Connection, formally known as the Minnesota Foundation for Children and Camp Amanda – Minnesota since 2003 where she attended as one of our camps helpers. Coral had worked with grieving children in her private practice and in grief groups. After attending a camp session Coral said: "I saw progress in grief and healing in just one weekend that might have taken six months in the office."

Coral was born in Minneapolis and grew up in St. Paul. Moving their family to Willow River 25 years ago, Coral and her husband Steve have been married 34 years raising seven children, two adorable grandchildren and over 40 foster children. Coral's interests outside of work and family are photography, running, reading and volunteering in her community as an Emergency Medical Technician and Sheriffs Chaplain.

After raising her children, Coral returned to her education earning a double major in psychology and communications followed by a master's degree in transpersonal psychology with an emphasis on grief. Receiving certification from the Association for Death Educators and Counselors in thanatology, Coral opened a private practice. She has published books and curricula's on grief education and grief support and is a frequent presenter and speaker on grief and support for several organizations.

Children's Grief Connections of Minnesota is fortunate to have a well-rounded and well-educated Executive Director with a heart full of compassion and love for children.

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Education:

MA, Transpersonal Psychology, Naropa University  
BAS, Psychology, University of Minnesota Duluth  
BA, Communications, University of Minnesota Duluth

### Professional Experience:

Present: Children's Grief Connection, Executive Director  
Monarch Counseling Service, Grief Counselor  
Pine County Sheriff Chaplain Corp, Chaplain  
Pine Medical Center, Hospital Chaplain  
Mercy Hospital, Pine Medical Center, Impact of Grief Presenter  
Willow River Fire Department, Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician

Past: Rural AIDS Action Network, Case Mgr.  
St. Mary's Grief Support Center, Senior Grief Support Group Co-facilitator  
Prof. Assn. of Treatment Homes/Family Focus, Therapeutic Foster Parent

**Certifications:**

Senior Manager – Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Leadership Institute  
Grief Counselor/Educator – Assn. of Death Educators and Counselors  
Emergency Medical Technician – State of Minnesota

**Professional Affiliations:**

Assn. of Death Educators and Counselors, Member  
International Assn. of Police Chaplains, Member  
Minnesota Foundation for Children, Board of Directors Member  
One Heartland, Former Board of Directors Chair

**Publications/Presentations:**

***Impact of Grief ©***, 6-week series of grief education and support developed and presented in a hospital/community setting

***Holiday Heartbreak©***, grief education and support developed and presented for funeral director presentation during winter holidays

***Meaning in Memories©***, grief support group curricula developed and presented for children and youth 5-18 years old in after-school setting

***My Dog Died, I Know How You Feel And Other Stupid Things People Say When Someone Dies***, co-written with Patricia Grace, publication pending December 2008

**Professional and personal references available**