

COMMON FEELINGS, THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIORS OF THE GRIEVING CHILD

*Child retells events of the deceased's death and funeral.

*Child dreams of the deceased.

*Child feels the deceased is with him or her in some way.

*Child rejects old friends and seeks new friends who have experienced a similar loss.

*Child wants to call home during the school day.

*Child can't concentrate on homework or class work.

*Child bursts into tears in the middle of class.

*Child seeks medical information on death of deceased.

*Child worries excessively about his or her own health.

*Child sometimes appears to be unfeeling about loss.

*Child becomes the "class clown" to get attention.

*Child is overly concerned with caretaking needs.