



Joanna's Place is a non-profit organization (501c3) founded in loving memory of 6 year old Joanna Mullin who was murdered in 2007. Joanna's parents, Heather & Jerry, have transformed their tragedy into strength and support for others through free programs and community events. Joanna's Place is dedicated to promoting resilience in children who are facing some of life's most stressful events by providing tools, support and resources to heal, grow and strengthen families.

Maria Trozzi, the Program Director of Joanna's Place, brings decades of expertise as a trusted clinician, national expert and respected author helping families and school communities face stressful life events.

Joanna's Place offers NO COST programs for South Shore families

Circle Support Groups:

Circle support groups for children (6-18 years old) and their parents. Each of the 3 groups focuses on promoting resilience when faced with grief, special needs or illness. Each circle offers a comprehensive family support group where children are surrounded by others in their same age group facing similar challenges.

- Circle G offers support for children facing the loss of a parent or sibling. Circle G meets in Hingham on Mondays, 5-7pm for 8 consecutive weeks, beginning October 16th.
- Circle S offers support for children facing the challenges of having a sibling with significant special needs. Circle S meets in Milton on Mondays, 6-8pm for 8 consecutive weeks, beginning October 16th.
- Circle I offers support for children facing the challenges of having a parent with severe or chronic illness. Circle I meets in Quincy on Tuesdays, 6-8pm every other week for 8 weeks, beginning October 17th.

Talking Points:

Talking Points is a time sensitive, single session consultation for parents or guardians of children facing a stressful life event. In this single session consultation, Maria Trozzi provides parents/guardians with **words and strategies** to help their children through events such as marital separation, a life changing diagnosis, world events or putting the dog "to sleep". Although the events vary, the need for support is universal.

Resources and Referrals:

Since Joanna's Place offers support, but is NOT therapy, families sometimes need additional services. Joanna's Place provides South Shore community **resources and referrals** for families looking for counseling, other programs, and for caring professionals.

For more information or to make a referral please contact us
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