

Application

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Best time to call _____

E-mail _____

Date of birth ____/____/____ Male Female
Month / Day / Year

Parents are:	Mom	Dad	How long ago?
Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Separated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Remarried	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

What do you hope to get from the program? _____

Religion _____

Church or parish _____

Are you currently in counseling? Yes No

Has a parent made a *Beginning Experience* weekend? Yes No

List anyone you know planning to attend this program:

I agree to abide by the regulations listed on the right.

Signature _____

Phoenix 2013-09

Dates:

October 25-27, 2013

Program cost:

The cost is \$150 and includes the program, program materials, two nights' lodging and five meals. The cost should not hinder anyone who could benefit from attending a Beginning Experience® program due to the lack of funds. Ask us about payment arrangements and/or sources of possible financial assistance. A \$50 non-refundable deposit ensures your reservation.

For more information:

Website: www.azbe.org

Phone: 6602-914-5148

e-mail: info@azbe.org

Program policies

Please do not bring a radio, MP3 player, school work or anything else that will distract you from this experience. Alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs are not allowed. Violators will be asked to leave. Once the program has begun, you are expected to stay until it closes on Sunday afternoon.

To apply:

Send the completed application form with your deposit to:

Beginning Experience of Phoenix

PO Box 81431

Phoenix, AZ 85069-1431

Checks should be made payable to *Beginning Experience of Phoenix, AZ*

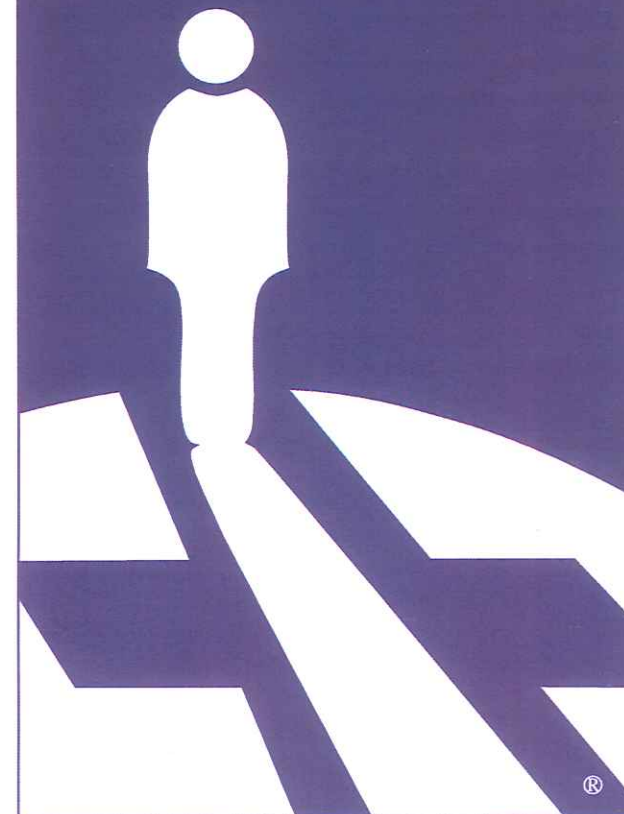
Credit card accepted by phone: 866-610-8877.

Once your application is received, someone will call to review the program with you and help you determine your readiness for it.

Help for those whose parents
are separated, divorced or
widowed.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE®

FOR TEENS AND
YOUNG ADULTS



The pain of loss

The loss of a parent through death, or a changed parental relationship through separation or divorce, is a traumatic experience for those of all ages. For young people ages 14 and up, the normal stresses of becoming your own persons, peer pressure, and feeling that you lack someone to talk to add to the confusion.

If you are hurting and in pain after your parent's death, separation or divorce, the Beginning Experience® program is designed to help you overcome these feelings.

With the help of a certified team of adult and young people who have themselves experienced this loss, you and other participants are helped to sort out and address your feelings regarding your losses. The Beginning Experience® program for teens and young adults enables you to become better adjusted to your changed surroundings and family structure.

Hope for the future

Adults going through separation, divorce or the death of a spouse grieve the loss of a marriage. In a similar way, you, as a family member, also experience complex emotions when the relationship with a parent or parents is severed or dramatically changed. The Beginning Experience® program for teens and young adults provides a place where you and other participants are helped and supported as you work through these emotions.

A safe and secure environment is provided for caring, acceptance and feelings of community to blossom. Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Catholic tradition, the open spirit of the program serves those of all faiths.

The program

The Beginning Experience® program for teens and young adults is presented from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon by a team of adults, teens and young adults who have experienced this loss and are willing to share their experience to help others.

Team members lead you through a program of personal presentations by team members, private reflection and journaling, and sharing in a small group.

The program provides you with an opportunity to look at your life and your personal situation for an uninterrupted time.

The safe environment and structured walk through the grief process helps you and other young people make giant strides forward in overcoming the loss associated with parental death or divorce.

What the program offers

Each Beginning Experience® program offers:

- A fresh and different atmosphere to discover who you are now away from your home, job and/or school
- An opportunity to share your hopes, concerns, and ideals, and find hope for facing tomorrow
- Time to address new beginnings in your relationships with yourself, your family, your friends, and God
- A chance to make new friends

What participants say

"I could open up to show how I truly feel."

Lawrence, age 15

"I dealt with the hurt and pain I've felt since my father's death. My life is happier now and has more meaning."

Brittany, age 18

"There are more people who care than I thought."

Sean, age 17

"I'm able to talk about my feelings now instead of building everything up inside."

Dave, age 21

"I learned that crying is okay, and that there are others who are like me."

Molly, age 15

The invitation

The Beginning Experience® program helps address the normal feelings of loss and pain when the family unit undergoes severe change. Its quality and effectiveness are well-documented.

- Developed by respected professionals in grief psychology, ministry, organizational process, and education, the program is psychologically and spiritually sound.
- In order to ensure the integrity and quality of the copyrighted program, the Beginning Experience International Ministry Center certifies teams of peer ministers to present it.

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