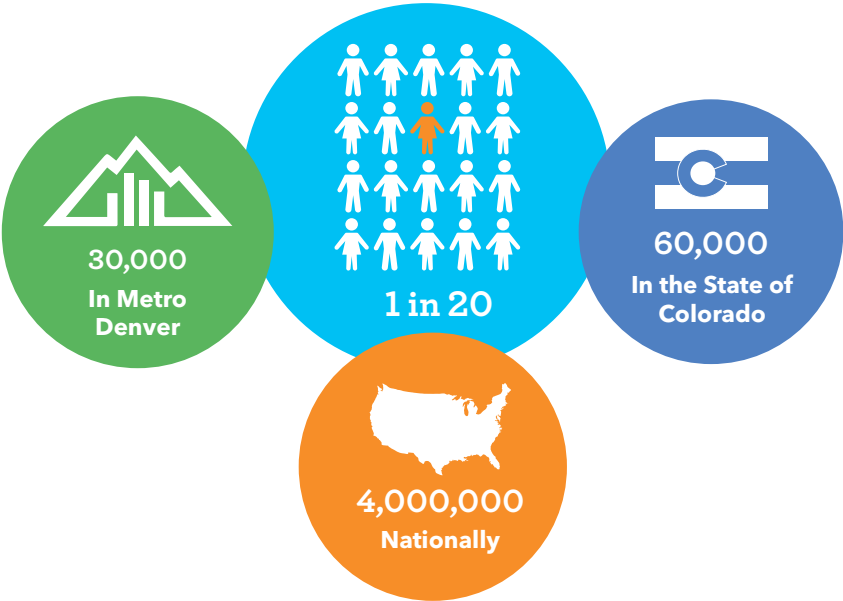


Notes:



The death of a parent, sibling, or other important person during childhood can significantly disrupt healthy development. **More than one out of twenty children will experience the death of a parent or sibling before the age of 18**, making this a critical public health issue.



**78% of youth who arrive at Judi’s House are identified as “high risk” and are struggling with problems such as:**

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Posttraumatic stress symptoms
- Complicated or traumatic grief reactions
- Destructive or aggressive behaviors

Judi’s House and JAG Institute **are preventing complications of unaddressed grief and trauma** by providing comprehensive services to bereaved children and families, and sharing knowledge with those who care for them.

**We promote healthy adjustment in grieving children and families** through our three core strategic initiatives:

- Direct Services: *Providing Comprehensive Grief Care®*
- Evaluation and Research: *Advancing the Field*
- Training and Education: *Increasing Access by Building Workforce Capacity*

Our Vision:

No child should be alone in grief.

Our Mission:

To help children and families grieving a death find connection and healing.

Our Values:

Compassion.  
Accountability.  
Respect.

## Judi's House: *Caring for our Community*



When former NFL quarterback Brian Griese was seven years old, his mother Judi was diagnosed with breast cancer. After she died five years later, Brian found himself at a dangerous time in which his anger and profound sadness were coming out in ways that had the potential to be destructive.

Along Brian's path to healing, he realized that he wanted to give back to children and teens who were also grieving the loss of a parent, sibling, or other loved one. He and his wife, Brook, a clinical psychologist specializing in childhood trauma and loss, founded Judi's House — a safe, comfortable place where children and families could come to receive compassionate support and connection with peers.

Judi's House is the **only free-standing organization in the Metro Denver area devoted solely to supporting grieving**

**children and their families.** Since 2002, the behavioral health professionals on staff at Judi's House have provided free care to more than 8,000 children and caregivers toward **our vision that no child should be alone in grief.** We believe that investing in these vulnerable children will help them build resilience and the coping skills they need to adjust to their loss, and handle future challenges.

### Direct Services: *Providing Comprehensive Grief Care®*

We promote connection and healing through **group, individual, and family grief counseling** at Judi's House, as well as groups in schools and community organizations throughout Metro Denver.



## JAG Institute: *Expanding our Reach*



JAG Institute, also named in memory of Judith Ann Griese, is our center of excellence and learning that complements the work of Judi's House by allowing us to reach even more grieving children and families.

### Evaluation and Research: *Advancing the Field*

Successful integration of research and practice at Judi's House has yielded the **largest known dataset focused on understanding the needs of bereaved children and families.** This insight sets us apart—both locally and nationally—from other grief care approaches. By bridging academic research, program evaluation, and real world practice, we have garnered

knowledge that informs our model of care, promotes quality and excellence, and guides professional practice.

### Training and Education: *Increasing Access by Building Workforce Capacity*

We are committed to raising public awareness about the needs of grieving children and families while training professionals in best practices. Our clinical staff provides over 1,200 hours of in-depth training to graduate-level interns and postgraduate trainees annually. Educational and professional development workshops target schools, universities, service agencies, professional associations, and academic conferences. With the establishment of JAG Institute, we will expand our capacity to train and educate other professionals in our innovative Comprehensive Grief Care® Model, developing **a network of providers to better meet the needs of grieving children and families in our community and beyond.**



### Comprehensive Grief Care®

The Comprehensive Grief Care® Model developed at Judi's House integrates knowledge drawn from a collaboration of community, practice, and research partners to normalize the grief journey in its many forms, while effectively preventing and addressing complications of bereavement.

Judi's House provides a **continuum of whole-family, preventive intervention services**, and sound evaluation and research methods carried out at JAG Institute establish the foundation for ongoing development and improvement.

