

## David J. Schonfeld, MD, FAAP



David J. Schonfeld, MD, FAAP, established and directs the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement ([www.schoolcrisiscenter.org](http://www.schoolcrisiscenter.org)), located at Children's Hospital Los Angeles; the Center coordinates the Coalition to Support Grieving Students ([www.grievingstudents.org](http://www.grievingstudents.org)), comprised of 100 organizations including the major educational professional organizations (AASA, AFSA, AFT, ASCA, NAESP, NASN, NASP, NASSP, NEA, SSWAA founding members – along with NCSCB and the New York Life Foundation).

Dr. Schonfeld is a developmental-behavioral pediatrician and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. He has authored more than 150 scholarly articles, book chapters and books (e.g., *The Grieving Student: A Teacher's Guide*, Brookes Publishing) and has given more than 1,000 presentations on the topics of pediatric bereavement and crisis.

Schonfeld has provided consultation and training in the aftermath of a school crisis events and disasters within the United States and abroad, including school and community shootings in Santa Clarita, CA; Parkland, FL; Newtown, CT; Benton, KY; Las Vegas, NV; Thousand Oaks, CA; Spokane, WA; Marysville, WA; Osaka, Japan; Corning, CA; Aurora, CO; Platte Chayon, CO; Chardon, OH; and Townville, South Carolina; flooding from hurricanes Maria in San Juan, Sandy in NY and NJ, Katrina in New Orleans, and Ike in Galveston, Texas; tornadoes in Joplin, MO and AL; wildfires in Butte County, CA; Sonoma County, CA and in the Great Smoky Mountains in Sevierville, TN; and the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan, China.

He coordinated the training for school crisis response teams for the NYC DOE after the events of September 11, 2001. He has also conducted school-based research (funded by NICHD, NIMH, NIDA, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, William T. Grant Foundation and other foundations) involving children's understanding of and adjustment to serious illness and death, as well as school-based interventions to promote adjustment and risk prevention.