



## THE AMELIA CENTER

### How did The Amelia Center begin?

Monday, June 26, 1995, on a railroad track crossing near YMCA's Camp Cosby in Alpine, Alabama, a train collided with a car carrying four camp counselors. All of them were killed instantly. One of those counselors was a young lady named Amelia Elliott.



Because no place like The Amelia Center existed, this tragic accident highlighted the need for support for the children and families grieving the death of these individuals. In a partnership with Children's of Alabama, Amelia's parents (George and Jerrie), along with the community and many supportive friends, had a vision to create a place of hope for grieving families.

The Amelia Center opened its doors in July 1997. Since then, its team of counselors has provided a place of hope for thousands of grieving individuals.

### Services Provided

- The Amelia Center provides professional counseling for children and teens grieving the death of a parent, grandparent, sibling, close relative, or friend. We provide a safe place where they can find hope and creatively express feelings through art and play.
- Counseling is also provided for parents grieving the death of a child of any age, ranging from pregnancy loss through adulthood. Support groups for children, teens, and parents are available as well.



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## The Amelia Center Today

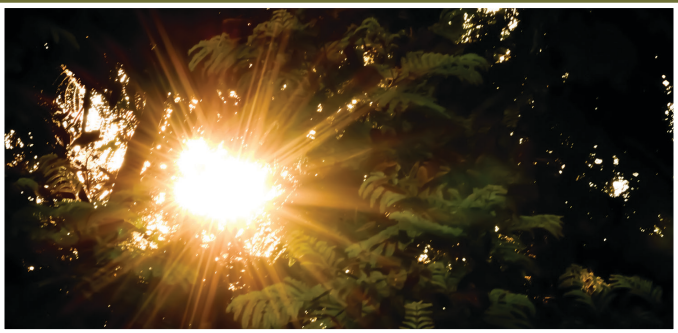
The Vision for The Amelia Center is that all grieving children, parents, and families in the greater Birmingham region have access to a caring and compassionate environment that fosters hope and healing. All services are provided at no set fee to families. The Amelia Center is a department of Children's of Alabama, and is supported by the United Way of Central Alabama, the generosity of the community, and client donations.

## Training, Education & Consultation

Training and educational services are available to schools, nonprofit and for-profit organizations. The Amelia Center works with each organization to provide a customized training at a reasonable cost.

## School Resources

Taking a proactive approach to Crisis Intervention Planning allows schools and organizations to be prepared in the unfortunate event that a student or staff member dies. The Amelia Center provides customized trainings that equip your administration, faculty and staff with the knowledge needed to be prepared if a death occurs.



The Amelia Center is located at 1513 Fourth Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, 35233. If you or someone you know would like more information about The Amelia Center, please visit our website or contact us at the number below.

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