

# *Children's Orientation Program*



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*McKenzie*  *Blundy*

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*Our family caring for your family  
“Before, During and After”  
the death of a loved one*

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

**Children are greeted** at the door by the program facilitator as they enter the Funeral Home.

**Children are invited into the Children's Room.** This is a casual room, which will help make everyone feel more comfortable. If the children are older, we will meet with them in the arrangement conference room.

The Children's Room can be used anytime during visitation for the children to watch videos, draw pictures, and write letters or simply just play.

**Welcome.** The facilitator will introduce herself and let the children know that she is there to answer any questions they may have.



## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- What happens when someone dies?
- What Funeral Directors do.
- Taking care of the body (in simple terms)
- Why do we have visitation, what happens during visitation, what is expected of the children
- We will talk about their feelings.
- Perhaps write a letter or draw a picture to place in the casket with their loved one.
- If time permits, we may watch a video pertaining to death & funerals.

## ATTENDING VISITATION

Our staff will describe the visitation, casket and ask children if they want to go in to see their loved one. If they do, we will accompany them into the visitation room to make sure they are comfortable.

After seeing their loved one many children have questions. Our staff will be there to answer these questions and assist with any other needs the children may have in regards to the visitation or funeral.

If you are interested in participating in the Children's Orientation Program, please inform one of our staff members of the number of children and which visitation hours the children will attend.

If you require children's services after a visitation or funeral has taken place, please call us and we will assist you in finding the support best suited for the child/children.



## PROGRAM DETAILS

FOR: Children ages 4 and up

WHERE: Children's Room at the Funeral Home



WHEN: The children should arrive at 1:15 p.m. for afternoon visiting hours or at 6:15 p.m. for evening visiting hours

WHO: The program is facilitated by one of our trained staff members.



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# ABOUT MCKENZIE & BLUNDY

## Mission

The Mission of *McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home & Cremation Centre* is to meet the needs of our clients with respect, sensitivity, professionalism and compassion through excellence in service, ultimately to make an important difference in supporting people “Before, During and After” the experience of loss and grief and to consistently strive to educate the community through our outreach programs.

## Vision

*McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home & Cremation Centre* will continuously achieve excellence in funeral service and education by expanding our outreach into the community while maintaining our exemplary service ultimately to be the funeral provider of choice.

## Values

Our willingness and ability to learn and grow  
Our hard work, dedication and professionalism  
Equality and excellence in the services we provided  
Honesty, trust and loyalty  
Respect, dignity, compassion and empathy  
Our continued progressive independence since 1946



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*Funeral Home & Cremation Centre*

*Serving all Faiths and Cultures since 1946*

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