

Introducing the new

Path Forward Group

A group for families and caregivers who have experienced the loss of a child or adult with disabilities



Path Forward Group meeting info:

Date: This group will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, beginning with March 25, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Where: The WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities
Third-floor conference room
959 Hartman Run Rd.
Morgantown, WV

Facilitator: Bonnie Shannon, Parent Network Specialist, Certified Grief Facilitator



Find comfort in a supportive community where parents and caregivers who've experienced the loss of a child or adult with disabilities can come together, share their stories, and find connection as they journey forward. This group is a place to honor memories while discovering new paths to healing and growth.

Bonnie Shannon is a Parent Network Specialist with the Paths for Parents and Family to Family programs at the WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities. Bonnie began to advocate for her own son when he was born prematurely at 28 weeks. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, was profoundly deaf, and required complex medical care for most of his life. Using her experience, she dedicated herself to guiding other families who have children with special healthcare needs to learn how to advocate for their children and find the vital services they need.

To continue that journey, Bonnie has been trained as a Certified Grief Facilitator to honor her son and provide a safe space for other grieving parents and caregivers to connect.

Life after caregiving is not easy, so please join us to share, connect, and find strength with others.