



Seminar:
**Helping Individuals on
the Autism Spectrum
Understand Death and
Dying**

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2011

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Cost: Free

Location: Education Center/Cafeteria
Valley Forge Educational Services
1777 North Valley Road
Malvern, PA 19355

Presenter: Kathleen Wilkins, Ph.D., VFES Director of Clinical Services

To Register: www.vfes.net

As difficult as it is for an individual without special needs to cope with the feelings of loss when a loved one dies, it can be significantly more difficult for an individual on the autism spectrum to grasp the reality and finality of death and, even more critically, to understand the acceptable practices of their family and community for expressing grief and mourning. Since the holidays can be so difficult for those who have recently lost a friend or family member and because talking to and teaching individuals on the autism spectrum about death can be a daunting task, VFES is offering this seminar to the families of any individual with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder or any cognitive or emotional disability with the hope of making this task easier.