

2018 FAQ's for POMC Conference

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Is this Conference a depressing event?

Survivors (and professionals) have found this conference is very helpful in dealing with the reality of murder and is extremely supportive and inspirational. At this conference people have found HOPE that they can survive this seeming "unsurvivable" event in their lives. Being in the rooms with those who truly understand is a powerful and is a unique form of support not to be found anywhere else. You may step out of any event at any time you wish. There will be a "Comfort Room" available for anyone wanting to "take a break". There are many people available to talk with who have had time with the same tragedy, who have a compassionate ear and experience to share. People find, especially in this national setting, that they can find people with similar tragedies. They may have felt they were the only ones with a particular set of circumstances, but find support and strength when they see they are not alone and others are surviving.

Do I have to share my experience or talk?

No, there is absolutely no requirement to do so. Many people find just listening and being around others is so helpful. But if you have questions in workshops you can certainly ask or share. But there is absolutely no requirement to do so.

Is it appropriate to bring children to the conference?

Children are allowed to attend the meals (with a paid child's registration). They are not allowed in the workshops. There is no childcare or children's program so parents are responsible for their children at all times.

What happens at the Conference?

Thursday night starts with a beautiful unveiling of the National Murder Wall which is open to the public. Friday starts with an opening ceremony, workshops throughout the day and a Memorial Video. Saturday is workshops and Awards Banquet. Sunday is an inspirational program with brunch.

What kind of workshops does the POMC Conference present?

Our conference provides numerous workshops on traumatic grief, navigating the confusing maze of the judicial and investigative process, and trainings for survivors and professionals who serve them, cold cases, specific grief workshops (ex: mother's, father's, sibling's grief, to name a few), creative and healing workshops (ex: scrapbooking, yoga, dance, poetry writing, to name a few), workshops to get questions answered (medically, legally, etc). Workshops for professionals who

support survivors. The wide range of workshops meets most needs of all different types of survivors with different types of cases.

Do I get a receipt?

You will be emailed a confirmation email with additional information.

What is the refund policy?

Refunds can be made up to 7 days before the beginning of the conference. After that it would be addressed on an individual basis.

Is there a "Dress Code?"

Comfortable attire is what attendees wear. Some people choose to be more dressed-up for the Saturday Awards Banquet. Remember that some meeting rooms can run on the cool side (even in summer).