We help families begin to find their new normal after a catastrophic loss. At a time of grief and confusion, connecting families through events, workshops, and peer support can be empowering. That’s why we work to identify and coordinate resources that meet each family’s unique needs using a statewide network of dedicated organizations.

A Network of Support

Through statewide Connection Events open to all family and friends of fallen Illinois Service Members, ICFF helps build a network of support among those who have experienced a similar loss. Connections Events are safe places to discuss the wide range of emotions felt and share stories of dealing with the loss. Arts workshops and other activities for adults and children help participants express emotions in healthy ways, aiding in the process of finding a new normal.
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We support families by providing them with resources to help them on their journeys to healing. We also support those who connect families to practical assistance, from financial programs to health and wellness to education and child care. The ICFF resource guide “Community Connections” was designed to help Illinois families navigate the resources available to them at a difficult and overwhelming time.

Partner Agencies Include:

- Adler University
- Army Survivor Outreach Services
- Barr-Harris Children’s Grief Center
- The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- Health & Disability Advocates
- H.E.R.O.E.S. Care
- Illinois National Guard for Psychological Health
- Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (INCCARRA)
- Michael Reese Health Trust
- Military Family Life Consultants
- Navy Gold Star Family Program
- Rush Road Home Program
- VetCenter

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