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**Bereavement Resource Pack, a 2 hour awareness pack aimed at workforce development. To help those in contact with families, however brief, better understand the impact a drug related death has on families.**

FASS (Family Addiction Support Service) is based in Glasgow and has been providing family, bereavement & Kinship support since 1986. Through FASS’ own grassroot work with families and also involvement with detailed research conducted by Bath & Stirling university, it is clear that families often do not feel understood or supported at this awful time in their lives. Supported by the NHS, FASS has produced a 2 hour awareness pack aimed at workers/organisations who may come into contact with families bereaved in this way. The aim is to provide a greater understanding of the impact a death such as this has, explain the meaning of disenfranchised bereavement and challenge those to consider their use of language, supports in place, attitudes etc. It is hoped this pack will be delivered throughout the UK to a variety of providers, organisations which will help challenge stigma, prejudices and hopefully influence the type of support services can offer. The Resource pack also includes 2 powerful dramas FASS commissioned which follows the story of a family, who are Kinship carers, who lose their daughter and the challenges they face along the way. There is also a short video in the pack from a mother who lost both her sons in this way and who speaks frankly about her pain. For further information on accessing this awareness pack, please contact FASS on