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## LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CEO RECEIVES 'DEATH AND GRIEF STUDIES' CERTIFICATION FROM INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED INSTITUTE

Las Vegas, NV, September 28, 2015 - Jill Bernacki, Chief Executive Officer with the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc., recently received certification in Death and Grief Studies from the internationally recognized Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colo., in conjunction with Colorado State University's Division of Outreach.

All coursework was personally taught by Alan D. Wolfelt, PhD., an acclaimed and noted grief specialist, educator and author of over 70 books, specific to the topic of grief and mourning. Focal studies for Ms. Bernacki included:

- *Comprehensive Bereavement Skills Training*
- *Understanding and Responding to Complicated Mourning*
- *Exploring the Spiritual Dimensions of Death, Grief and Mourning*
- *Companionship the Traumatized Griever: PTSD and the Need for "Catch-Up" Mourning*
- *Suicide Grief*

Ms. Bernacki is well-known for her experience and education on subjects related to crisis intervention, grief and mourning, and traumatic incident support for first responders. She has been with TIP since 2008 and has personally handled hundreds of critical incidents and crisis scenes in Clark County. She has also trained over 1,000 police officers, firefighters, and medical personnel in emotional first aid. Ms. Bernacki is also a part-time Coroner Investigator with the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner's office, which has expanded her knowledgebase and experience on death-related subjects.

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The **Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc.** is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the assistance they need. To accomplish that goal, **TIP** works closely with local communities to establish emergency services volunteer programs. Highly-trained and screened citizen volunteers are called to emergency scenes to assist family members, witnesses, and other bystanders directly on-scene, during the investigation.