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## ADAM'S PLACE COLLABORATES WITH ZANE STATE COLLEGE TO LAUNCH CAMP COPE PROGRAM WITH HELP FROM STRAKER FOUNDATION

Las Vegas (February 10, 2022): Las Vegas based nonprofit **Adam's Place** is excited to announce that its signature social/emotional peer support program, **Camp Cope**, will begin on February 23, 2022 at Zane State College in Zanesville Ohio. This launch was made possible thanks to a financial grant by the Straker Foundation.

In January, Adam's Place teamed up with Zane State to offer students in the social work program the training to become grief support facilitators. Adam's Place, which has been operating in Southern Nevada for the last decade, is working to expand their program, which helps kids, teens and families cope with grief and loss, nationwide.

"Zanesville is my hometown. That's why I am so excited about launching this training at Zane State," said Kelly Thomas Boyers (AKA Kelly Childers), Founder & Executive Director of Adam's Place. Boyers was a graduate of West Muskingum HS, Ohio University (BS), and University of California Irvine (MBA). "Like Las Vegas, and many other cities across the US, Zanesville has been hit hard with the opioid and suicide epidemic. The goal of our training is to empower the community with a cost-effective high quality support group program. We believe that is the Adam's Place's Camp Cope program."

"Through the Straker Foundation's "Starting Out Strong" grant, our Group Dynamics students will host 3 grief support sessions in the community (One at Zanesville Middle School and two at Foxfire Schools)" said Stacie Curtis, the Program Director/Associate Professor & Social Work Assistant at Zane State College. "This partnership provides students the hands-on opportunity to apply the skills they are learning in the classroom to improve the well-being of children in our

community. It is such a wonderful way for the students to give back to our community with a much needed program to help children and adolescents build their coping skills!"

Camp Cope is Adam's Place's core program for youth, ages 5-18, which focuses on equipping children & teens with health coping skills to move forward after losing their loved ones. The program is facilitated by trained staff and volunteers and consists of 6 sessions over 6 weeks.

The grief support facilitators' training with Zane State College took place both in person and via Zoom. The social work students are currently working towards an associate degree, where after graduation they can be employed in areas like mental health, addiction, and work with families & children.

## **ABOUT ZANE STATE COLLEGE**

Zane State College, established in 1969, values people through our commitment to quality, equity, and stewardship. Zane State College has campuses in Zanesville and Cambridge, Ohio, and offers eight less than one year certificates, five one year certificates, 29 programs that lead to an associate degree, and one baccalaureate program focused on regional workforce needs. As a comprehensive community college, students can reduce their bachelor's degree costs through 2+2 and 3 +1 transfer options to a wide selection of public and private universities. Visit [zanestate.edu](http://zanestate.edu) for more information. Zane State College is a public college accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)) .

## **ABOUT ADAM'S PLACE**

**Adam's Place**, a local non-profit, was founded in 2009 to fill a gap in community services for children, teens, and families coping with loss. Our **Camp Cope** support group programs are for children, teens, and families. Due to the generosity of our community, local fundraisers, and state and county grants our Camp Cope programs are free of charge.

Adam's Place has provided services for thousands of local children since its inception. Our programs include: Junior Camp Cope, Adult Parenting Skills Programs, In-School Camp Cope Programs, Music U Mentors, Quarterly Healthy Coping Workshops, Quarterly Family Connections Events, Guest Speakers and On-Site Support Group Facilitation and Training.

Adam's Place is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. Donations are tax-deductible.  
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*“We believe that no child or teen should grieve alone.”*

