

Summary

The combination of grief reactions and increased vulnerability to Posttraumatic Stress Disorder often results in what Redmond (1989) called "a life sentence" for the rest of the family after a loved one is murdered. Nothing can make this reality disappear; however, there are resources and assistance that can help homicide survivors better understand their reactions and experiences, and learn to cope with and integrate these reactions into the new realities of their lives as individuals and as a family.