

# **Navigating Grief and Justice: Advocacy for Families Impacted by Violent Crime**

June 26, 2025  
1:00–2:15 pm CST



# Housekeeping

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# Upcoming Events

Live Webinar



## Process of Disclosure and Expert Witness Testimony

Challenges and Best Practices



Thursday, July 24, 2025



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**Kids Hub**  
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A promotional graphic for the 'Real Evidence Podcast'. The background is a vibrant blue with a pattern of white dots and concentric circles. At the top, four 'x' marks are arranged horizontally. In the center, a microphone icon is flanked by soundwave graphics. Below this, the words 'REAL EVIDENCE PODCAST' are written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the Guardify logo is visible. On the left and right sides, there are circular inset images: on the left, a woman with glasses and long dark hair wearing a black vest; on the right, a man with glasses and a beard wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. At the bottom right, four 'x' marks are arranged horizontally.

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# Survivors of Homicide



# Grief in the Aftermath of Violent Crime

# Barriers to Justice & Emotional Closure

# Media Exposure & Social Media





# Advocacy Models that Work



# Empowering Survivors and Families



# Power of Presence



# Questions



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