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All the Love that Remains for a Child: Mourning Analysis in Coronavirus Time and General Trial to Face Up to Future Losses

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Abstract

The measures taken to limit social contacts in the period of the lockdown due to the Coronavirus-19 pandemic, led to a series of changes in the ways of social interaction which have determined (and will determine in the future), an emotional and psychological impact for everyone, in particular for children. They found themselves suddenly immersed in a reality outside normal frame of reference and routine, outside those “containers”, first of all the school, but also the group of friends, which guarantee certainty and predictability. In the most serious cases, the children also had to deal with the loss of a person with whom they had shared games and moments of life and who, perhaps, represented a figure reference, such as parents or grandparents.

The situation is made even more complicated by the fact that, at the moment of death, it was not possible to carry out all series of rites of passage, such as the funeral and the related traditions, which are important because they represent a sort of final greeting for the their culture.

The modality of expression chosen to face psychological trauma needs a specific language which fits for the child: for example Düss’s