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**Documentary focused on the experience of grievers and the ways to support them to air [enter date]**“Speaking Grief” is a production of public media station WPSU Penn State

[DATELINE] — A documentary aimed at creating a more grief-aware society by validating the experience of grievers and helping guide those who wish to support them will air [enter broadcast information].

[“Speaking Grief,”](https://speakinggrief.org/) produced by public media station WPSU Penn State in State College, Pennsylvania, features diverse representations of grief through candid interviews with families whose losses range from stillbirth to suicide. The documentary shares stories from families in Houston; Los Angeles; Oakland, California; Collins, New York; Philadelphia; and Collegeville and Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

American Public Television is distributing the documentary to public television stations nationwide beginning in May.

Carmichael Khan, who is featured in the documentary, said the sudden loss of his wife forced him into an unexpected role: father and mother to his daughter, Asia, who was 14 years old at the time of her mother’s death.

“I wanted Asia’s life to be stable, to not have to deal with a post-trauma event,” said Khan, who is from Houston. “Recovery is a journey. You are the walking wounded, but there is always hope. I believe I would not be where I am if it were not for the people who assisted me through it.”

The documentary is part of a multi-platform project aimed at elevating a national conversation around grief by creating the space for the journey to recovery. The Speaking Grief Project has been made possible with philanthropic support from the [New York Life Foundation](http://www.newyorklifefoundation.org).

**About WPSU Penn State:**

[WPSU Penn State](http://wpsu.org/), a PBS and NPR station, seeks to spark discovery, enrich learning and strengthen community through vibrant public media. WPSU-TV serves 24 counties in central Pennsylvania and reaches 515,000 households, and WPSU-FM is accessible to more than 450,000 listeners in 13 counties. WPSU is an outreach service of Penn State.

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