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Rainbows was created to provide children an opportunity for healing after their painful loss by divorce, separation, abandonment, or death in the family. It is a pro-active program that encourages children to express their conflicting feelings, to work through the grief process, and to come to a healthy acceptance of what has happened in their families. Their trust relationship with a caring, listening adult facilitator and an understanding peer group that has experienced a similar loss enables these young people to get on with the business of being children. Without those emotional needs addressed, frequently behavior issues, physical problems, and academic concerns may surface at school. Later, more destructive patterns could develop and impact society. Research has proven this. The social/emotional learning in Rainbows, such as communication, self-esteem, peaceable problem solving, and coping strategies, are life skills critical to secure academic readiness and school success. Through Rainbows, we offer these children hope and foster their total development as happier, more goal-oriented, achieving students that can grow into productive, contributing member of society. Professionally, over time, I have witnessed those changes.

Rainbows isn't magic but I do believe in its impact and effectiveness for hundreds, thousands of children who have participated and benefited throughout District 54 schools.

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