

**National Hospice and Palliative Care  
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Barbara Bouton is Vice President of Professional Development at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) where she oversees and coordinates professional development and continuing education/continuing medical education for hospice and palliative care professionals across the country. Prior to coming to NHPCO, Ms. Bouton worked with Hospice and Palliative Care of Louisville (now Hosparus), in KY for 23 years, where she developed a state-of-the-art bereavement program that served hospice families and the community as well as staff, volunteer and community education and support programs.

Ms. Bouton served on the Board of Directors of NHPCO, is the Past-Chair of the National Council of Hospice and Palliative Professionals and served six years as its Bereavement Professional Section Leader. Ms. Bouton served the Commonwealth of Kentucky in her role as a member of the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board, providing critical incident stress management services throughout the greater Louisville community and served as faculty for the University of Louisville's School of Medicine and assisted in the development and offering of its first palliative care fellowship group.

She holds a Fellow in Thanatology through the Association of Death Education and Counseling, a Master of Arts from the University of Louisville and has over 30 years' experience in hospice care, grief and bereavement, end-of-life care education and the development of related programs and services. She has served as a consultant to developing hospice bereavement programs across the country, has written extensively about hospice care and has conducted workshops and seminars across the country and in Great Britain.