



Lauren Raney, LCPC, ATR is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) and a Registered Art Therapist (ATR) dedicated to helping individuals navigate grief, loss, anxiety, and depression through the healing power of art therapy. She is the founder of Hope Forest Therapeutic Art Studio PLLC, where she provides art therapy sessions for clients of all ages both in person and virtually.

With a deep passion for grief support, Lauren has extensive experience working with children, teens, and adults facing loss and emotional challenges. She previously served as the Program Director at Willow House, overseeing children, family, schools and community grief support programs and facilitating support groups. Prior to that, she provided bereavement counseling and grief support for children and families at JourneyCare Hospice and worked as an Art Therapist at AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine Institute Children's Center Chicago, supporting children and teens in inpatient behavioral health care.

Lauren holds a Master's degree in Counseling and Art Therapy from Adler University and a Bachelor's degree in Painting from Illinois State University. Her dedication to grief work is deeply personal—having experienced the loss of her mother at age 21, she honors her memory by helping others process their grief through creative expression. Through her compassionate, client-centered approach, Lauren creates a safe space for individuals to explore emotions, build resilience, and find hope through art therapy.