

A pair of hands is shown from a top-down perspective, cupped together and holding a small amount of dark sand. The hands are positioned in the lower half of the frame. Above the hands, a path of smooth, rounded stones in various colors (blue, green, purple, brown, grey) leads away from the hands towards the top of the frame. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly concrete or sand. The overall image has a soft, slightly desaturated color palette.

SHARING OUR TRUTH:

The Power of Digital Stories and MAiD

Dr. Kathy Kortés-Miller & Dr. Mike Lang



Land Acknowledgements and Introductions



HELLO, WELCOME!

The plan:

This presentation will explore the why and how of Digital Storytelling with people who have accompanied someone who accessed MAID.



THE RESEARCH PROJECT



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"We live in stories,
not statistics."

- Kathleen R. Gilbert

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MAiD and family members and friends

Many family members and friends are supportive of the individual's choice to pursue MAiD (Yan, Bytautas et al 2022; Beuthin, Bruce, Thompson et al 2022)

Mixed reports in the literature of bereavement experience is different or have challenging features that may add complexities to the grief experience (Serota et al, 2023)

Unfortunately people who have NOT had a positive experiences with MAiD tend not to participate in research studies (Serota et al, 2023)

WHAT IS DIGITAL STORYTELLING?

YouTube: @mikelangstories
Documentaries & Web Series Playlist

Emerging Horizons

A Shared Dream

Being There

Digital Storytelling (DST) is a facilitated, autobiographical media production methodology where a participant creates their own short-film about an important moment in their life using voiceover narration, photos, videos, music and various video editing techniques.



WHAT WE DID

Workshop #1

3hr Online Group Sessions for **Five** Weeks with One-to-One Work Sessions & Online Screening/Celebration

Workshop #2

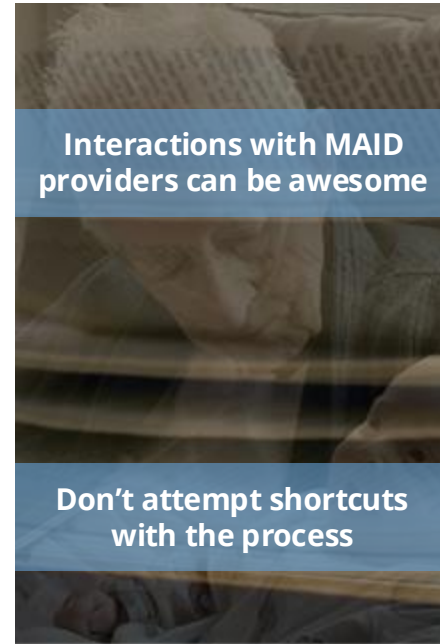
3hr Online Group Sessions for **Six** Weeks with One-to-One Work Sessions & Online Screening/Celebration (+1 extra Trained DST Facilitator)



Challenges: Technological Literacy, High Affect, Life Circumstances

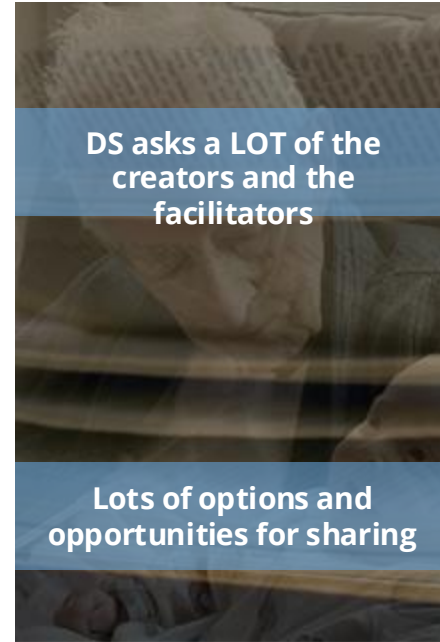
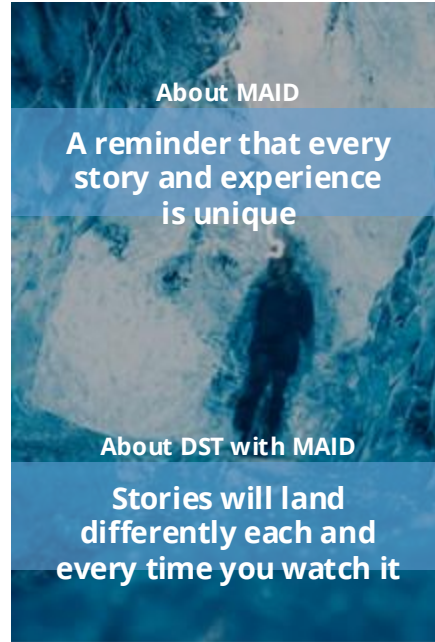
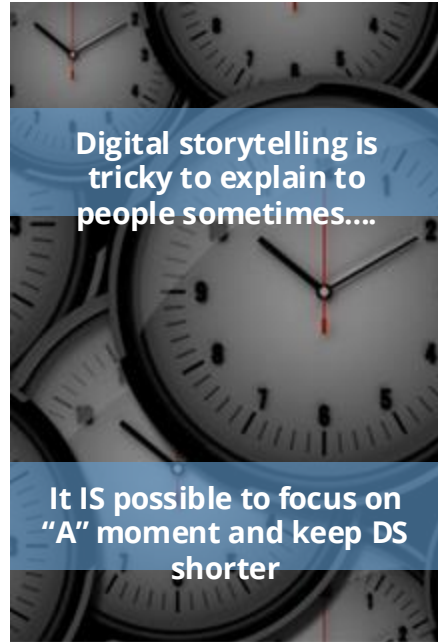


WHAT MIKE LEARNED...



Digital Storytelling can help MAID Family Caregivers
Craft Meaning & Cultivate Understanding.

WHAT KATHY LEARNED...



Digital Storytelling can have reach beyond and differently than more traditional qualitative research methods



KIMBERLY'S STORY

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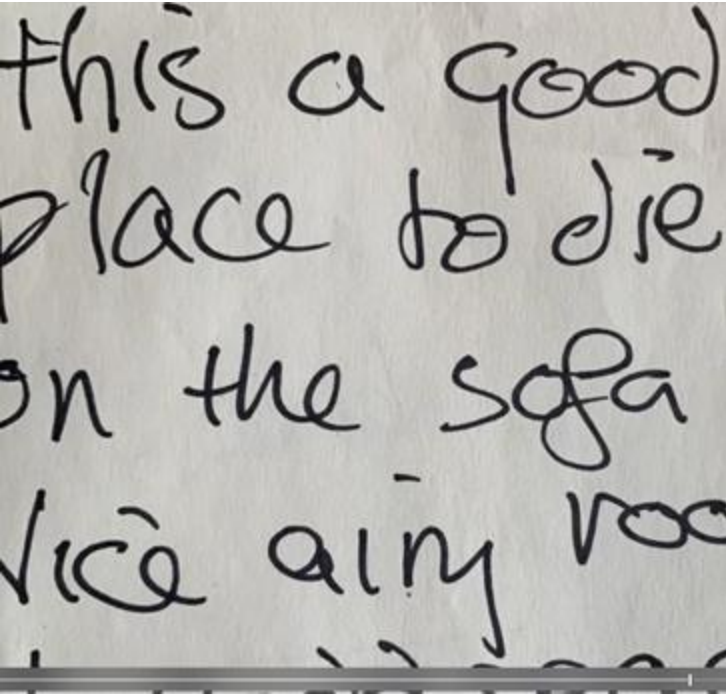




KIMBERLY'S STORY

**What
Resonated
with You?**

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAID ABOUT THE DST PROCESS AND THE SHARING



Process

I am so glad I did it. I'm so glad I did it. At the time, it was very, very hard, emotionally for me and intellectually for me that computer but and when I saw it, but I you know, I felt like wish I had done this different and I didn't like this and I wish I'd had a picture for that.

I also think it was sort of healing for me as well. In my grief journey....doing something like this that taxed you mentally so much, as well as emotionally. You know, it was difficult for me in the beginning to take that whole experience and condense it down.

Sharing

Sharing the stories - dispel misinformation that's out there about MAiD

Thought it would be shared faster and wider

Sharing has generally been VERY positive

CYNTHIA'S STORY

Fatherless Daughters





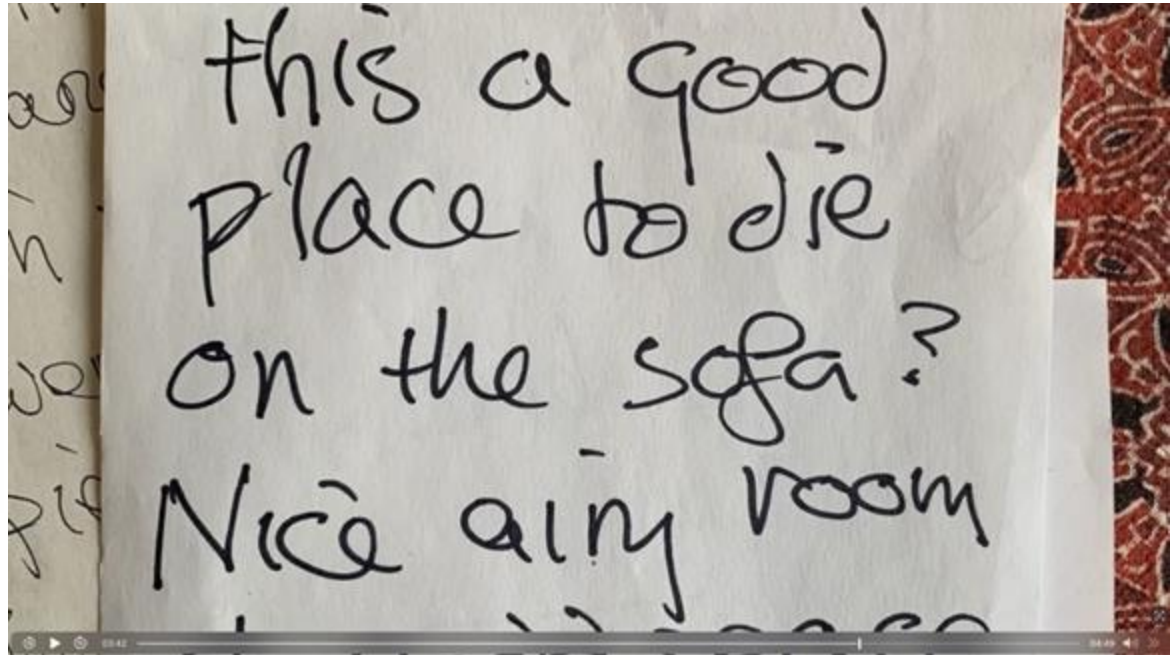


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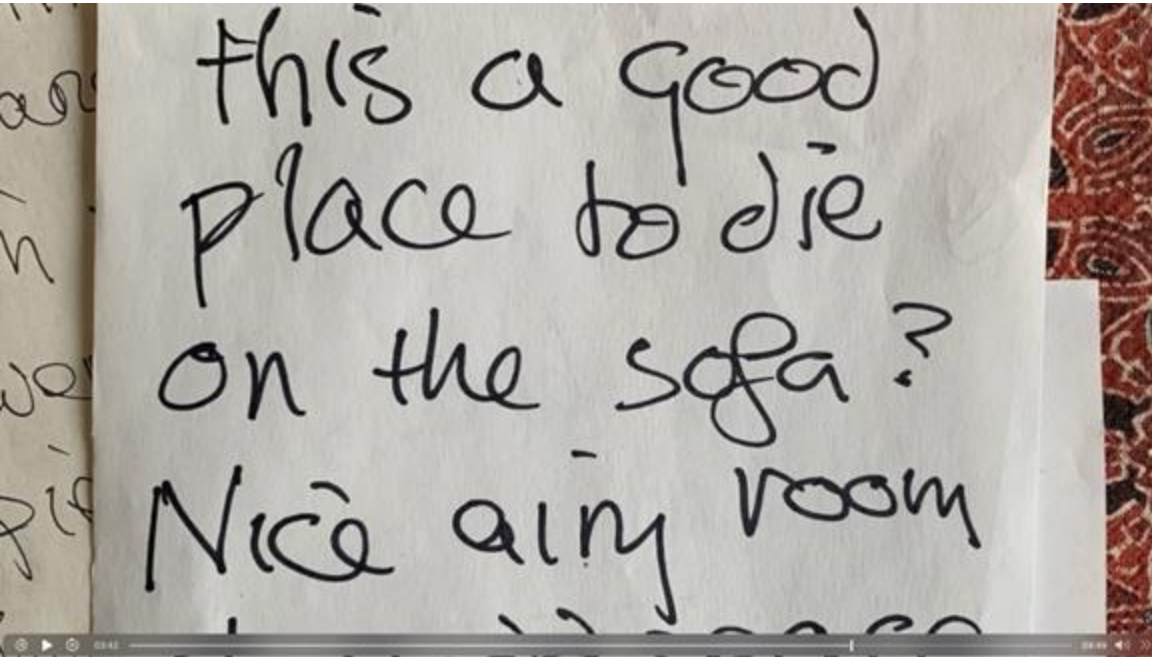
A Conversation with Cynthia

DAVE'S STORY

Notes from Annie



*Notes from
Annie*



DAVE'S STORY

Final Small Group Conversation

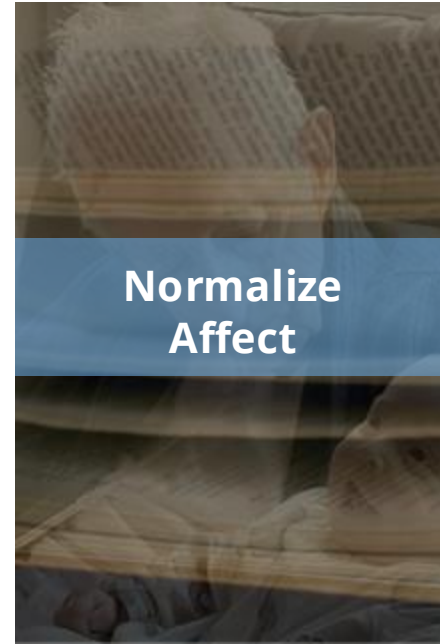
HOW CAN YOU USE THESE DIGITAL STORIES?



**Pre-Brief
& Debrief**



**Encourage
Interpretation**



**Normalize
Affect**

Stories don't tell us what to think, they give us things to think about.

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