# Carry-Forward Envelope

Grief & Resilience | 30 minutes | 3-12 participants | Adults with appropriate facilitation

## Purpose

Choose a word, drawing, or blank card to represent what the person wants to carry forward.

Materials: Paper or a printable handout, Pens or an accessible writing alternative, Optional blank cards or simple drawing materials

## Invite and agree - 3 minutes

Name the purpose and the right to pass, observe, write, or use fiction. Agree that people share only their own experiences and do not promise absolute group confidentiality.

## Introduce the example - 3 minutes

A group is closing a discussion of transitions. Ask what is known and what is still a guess.

## Practice: Creative activity - 17 minutes

Choose a word, drawing, or blank card to represent what the person wants to carry forward. Offer writing, drawing, arranging objects, or describing a fictional creation. No artistic skill or personal disclosure is required.

## Reflect together - 4 minutes

What can remain unfinished? Ask what fit, what did not fit, and what would make the exercise more accessible. Do not interpret another person's response.

## Choose a next step - 3 minutes

Invite one optional action, support request, or question to carry forward. Passing is a valid closing response. Confirm how to seek appropriate support outside the activity.

## Facilitator fit and boundaries

Allow privacy and passing. Do not prescribe grief stages, closure, forgiveness, spiritual meaning, or a growth lesson.

Offer observation, private writing, or a fictional example. Adapt instructions and group size to access needs. No client responses are collected by this page.

Original AI-assisted educational draft; independent clinical review pending. Version 1.0. Conceptual reading: TIP 41: Substance Abuse Treatment: Group Therapy, TIP 57: Trauma-informed Care in Behavioral Health Services. Source links appear on the online activity page.