

OUTLINE

Face Loss, Grief and Trauma with a Strengths-Based Approach
Crisis of belief and existential shattering
Meaning making and the importance of “why”
Grief vs. complicated grief
Abstract losses and the Ball of Grief
Tapping into resiliency
Core competencies and key principles
Identify your clients’ strengths
Current evidence on strengths-based approaches

Calm the Overactive Brain of Your Client
The neurobiology of the traumatized brain
Mindfulness and the art of noticing
Containment skills
Grounding exercises
Affect regulation
Breathing and soothing techniques

Tools for Managing Anger, Guilt, Shame and Traumatic Memories
Dealing with anger
The REACH model of forgiveness
Certificates of debt
The power of surrender
Address guilt and shame
How shame relates to trauma and loss
Faulty beliefs and getting stuck
Cognitive restructuring
Manage traumatic memories with CBT coping skills
Distraction techniques
Positive self-talk

Move Clients Toward Post-Traumatic Growth With Interventions Informed by Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
Shattered Vase Exercise - plant the seeds of possibility
Creating narratives
Letter writing
Positive remembering and repositioning
Reframe the meaning

Expressive and Somatic Therapeutic Interventions To Cultivate Post-Traumatic Growth
Integrate left and right hemispheres
Art therapy
Writing to heal
Access and reclaim compassion
Somatic resourcing
Remembered resources
Assess clients self-talk

Reinvest in a Life Worth Living: Rekindle the Desires of the Heart
The PIE of life - brainstorm possibilities of growth
Cultivate social connection and re-engagement
Support and grief groups
Toxic people
Working with families impacted by loss
Choice and perspective
Foster gratitude and a spirit of contentment after loss
Measurements of Post-Traumatic Growth

OBJECTIVES

- Specify how a case conceptualization based on the strengths of the client can tap into their potential for resiliency and improve clinical outcomes.
- Analyze the neurobiology of the traumatized brain and effectively utilize clinical tools based in mindfulness and grounding to calm the biological stress response.
- Articulate the relationship of shame to trauma and loss and communicate how cognitive restructuring can be used in-session to manage the emotions of clients and open them to new possibilities.
- Employ powerful interventions informed by CBT, expressive therapies, and somatic psychotherapy to treat the devastating effects of loss and grief by reframing its associated meaning.
- Characterize the impact on clients, as well as the relevance to clinical practice, of connecting individuals and families affected by loss with social support and grief groups.
- Incorporate and individualize therapeutic interventions based in art and writing into treatment plans for loss, grief, and related trauma.

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- Calm the traumatized brain and ground clients with mindfulness and body work
- Help release clients from the burdens of anger, shame and guilt
- Coping skills for traumatic memories – successfully teach distraction techniques and positive self-talk
- Foster post-traumatic growth with creative interventions informed by CBT, Expressive therapies, and Somatic Psychotherapy

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Your clients are suffering, victims of the life-shattering effects of loss and trauma. Many have lost loved ones to disease while others lives’ have been devastated by the trauma of abuse and suicide. Still more face the agony of abstract losses like shattered dreams, unmet expectations, and the losses of love, trust, faith, and hope.

Stories of grief and loss aren’t happy ones. They are not easy to tell – so your clients don’t. They bottle them up, push them down, and close-up shop. And their pain sits. Sometimes for decades.

But you know how your clients respond to traumatic events determines what happens to their hearts -- that part of the journey of recovering from loss is finding meaning and purpose. **As clinicians, we long to connect our clients with the greater appreciation for life, improved relationships, and personal development that post-traumatic growth provides for those who find it.**

But we can’t help those suffering from loss, grief and trauma move their story forward unless we challenge them to step out and take risks. It’s critical to tap into the client’s potential for resiliency, open them to new possibilities, and compassionately walk with them along the path to post-traumatic growth.

Rita Schulte is a licensed professional counselor, radio host, author, and suicide loss survivor. Rita lost her beloved husband to suicide in 2013 and approaches post-traumatic growth from the unique position of a counselor with lived experience. Through her own journey of loss and grief she has come to understand the targeted treatments and specific supportive measures needed to cope and transition to a life after loss as only someone who’s travelled the road to post-traumatic growth can.

Transform the lives of your clients with:

- **Effective methods to calm the overactive brain and improve affect regulation.**
- **The “Shattered Vase” and other imaginative exercises that open clients to new possibilities.**
- **Practical tools to manage traumatic memories and address the toxic emotions of anger, guilt and shame.**
- **Creative expressive and somatic interventions using art, writing, and remembered resources to facilitate post-traumatic growth.**

Join Rita for this candid one-day seminar. She'll show you how to honor your clients pain while gently planting the seeds of post-traumatic growth.

Help your clients reclaim their hearts after loss and reinvest themselves in a life worth living!

SPEAKER

Rita A. Schulte, LPC, is no stranger to loss and suffering. Rita lost her beloved husband to suicide in 2013, and now speaks candidly about her loss in the hope of helping others to heal. Working in the Northern Virginia/DC area, she specializes in the treatment of grief and loss issues, depression, anxiety, relationship problems, and eating disorders. She is the creator and host of Heartline Radio where she talks with counselors and authors as well as everyday people looking for advice on moving through the difficulties of life. Rita writes for numerous publications and blogs. Her articles have appeared in *Counseling Today Magazine*, *Thriving Family*, *Kyria* and *LifeHack.org*. She is the author of *Shattered: Finding Hope and Healing through the Losses of Life* (Leafwood) and *Imposter: Gain Confidence, Eradicate Shame and become who God Made You to Be* (Siloam). Her new book *Think This Not That: Eliminate Toxic Thinking and Rewire Your Brain* will be releasing in 2018. Rita earned a B.S. degree in psychology and a master’s degree in counseling from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

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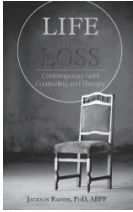
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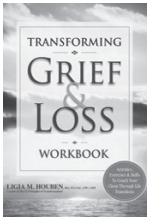
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Healing Grief Card Deck
55 Practices to Find Peace

By David Kessler

David Kessler, one of the world’s foremost experts on grief and grieving, has created powerful coping strategies to heal and rebuild after loss. This easy-to-use card deck has 55 practices that focus on your response to loss, understanding grief, and healing - all remembering that grief is evidence of your love.



Transforming Grief & Loss Workbook:
Activities, Exercises & Skills to Coach Your Client Through Life Transitions

By Ligia M. Houben, MA, FT, FAAGC, CPC, CHT

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