

# TRANSFORMING GRIEF & LOSS

This powerful workshop offers techniques and tools you can use right away to help your clients live a fulfilled life after loss. Despite being a heavy subject, Ligia Houben, grief and loss expert, presents it in a light manner.

Ligia has put her life work into developing the 11 Principles of Transformation®, which is a unique system that will help your clients bounce back after a loss. She will walk you through each principle with case studies and life client success stories of moving past grief to living fulfilled lives again.

Ligia Houben, grief expert, will demonstrate tools that can help your clients find meaning, achieve breakthroughs, and build the lives they want on the other side of loss or transition. She will show you a roadmap that can help your clients find peace, healing and recovery.

This seminar is a must-attend if you work with clients who experience any of the following:

- Loss of a loved one
- A divorce or romantic breakup
- Loss of a job
- Going through a major life transition such as kids leaving the home, retirement, etc

This workshop will teach you how to help clients overcome their fears, live life with more meaning and purpose and transform from loss to living!

**"Ligia Houben has deep knowledge of the human soul, and she uses it to help others heal and transform. Knowing Ligia will definitely enrich your life and enhance its meaning!"**  
— Myriam Gerstein, L.C.S.W., C.A.P.

**"This was wonderful! I feel transformed, energized and grateful!"**  
— Sara, Hospice SW

**"Ligia was an incredible presenter, so real, compassionate and genuine! Fantastic!"**  
— Amy, LPC

## Live Seminar Schedule

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea  
8:00 Program begins  
11:50-1:00 Lunch (on your own)  
4:00 Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon).  
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Strategies for Your Clients to  
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- All clients experience loss – be prepared to handle this common clinical issue with a new perspective
- Effectively address all types of loss including death of a loved one, divorce/breakup, loss of a job or any other major life transition
- Empower your clients to move from grief to growth
- Gain confidence in your ability to support the grief process

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# Outline

## Understanding Loss

Different types of loss  
Loss in each stage of development  
Primary and secondary losses  
Getting to know your client's story of loss  
History of loss  
Assessment of loss  
Cultural values  
Support and strategies

## Deconstructing Grief

What is grief?  
Cultural considerations  
Types of grief: Anticipatory and Disenfranchised  
Dimensions of Grief: Physical, Emotional, Social, Spiritual  
Tasks vs stages of grief

## From Grief to Growth: The Transformative Process

Overview of the 11 Principles of Transformation®

1. Acceptance of loss

2. Living with grief  
3. Deeper spirituality  
4. Emotional expression  
5. Sharing with others  
6. Self-care  
7. Rituals  
8. Living in the present  
9. Modifying thoughts  
10. Rebuilding  
11. Visualization of desired life

## Tools and Strategies for Facilitating Growth in Clients

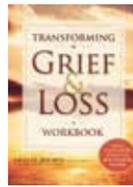
Acceptance  
Teaching radical acceptance  
Reframing acceptance versus denial  
Telling the story of the loss  
Affirmations  
Meditation  
Expressive Therapies  
Journaling  
Sand  
Music, films, pictures  
Breathwork  
Drawing, painting

Spiritual Tools  
Power of forgiveness and love  
Incorporate gratitude  
Emotional Expression  
The Cave  
Empty chair  
Sharing versus dwelling  
Letter writing  
Rituals  
Mindfulness  
Cognitive Strategies  
Changing the inner conversation  
Shifting perspective  
Responding rather than reacting  
Future Planning  
Values assessment  
Guided imagery  
"As is" exercise

## Limitations of the Research and Potential Risks

Disparity in results across studies for grief related to trauma  
Special considerations for complicated grief and clinical depression

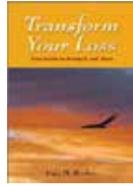
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By Ligia M. Houben, MA, FT, FAAGC, CPC, CHT, *Your Presenter*

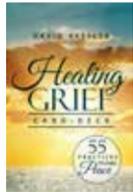
Despite any loss your client may be experiencing, you can coach them to happiness again with this new workbook from Ligia M Houben. This interactive book guides the client through The 11 Principles of Transformation, derived from CBT, positive psychology, spirituality, mindfulness and meditation. By focusing on new beginnings, experiential exercises and meaningful activities, your client will be able to start the transformative journey to wellness and wellbeing.



## Transform Your Loss: Your Guide to Strength and Hope

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## Healing Grief Card Deck: 55 Practices to Find Peace

By David Kessler

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# Objectives

1. Explore different types of loss and utilize strategies to help clients identify patterns within their grieving process.
2. Incorporate the 11 Principles of Transformation® into your clinical practice to help clients reconcile grief and loss.
3. Differentiate between tasks and stages as they relate to the grieving process.
4. Integrate spiritual concepts such as acceptance, forgiveness and gratitude into your work with grieving clients to help facilitate healing and recovery.
5. Teach clients healing rituals including journaling, meditation and affirmations as strategies for coping with loss.
6. Utilize a strengths-based approach with clients to help reframe loss as an opportunity for growth and recovery.

# Speaker



**Ligia M. Houben, MA, FT, FAAGC, CPC, CHT,** is the founder of My Meaningful Life, LLC and executive director of The Center for Transforming Lives in Miami, Fl where she consults with individuals and families and offers coaching/support groups and workshops. Ligia is a whole-hearted speaker in the field of grief & loss and life transitions. She has reached many people with her messages about transformation, meaning, and personal growth. She is a Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying, and Bereavement and a Fellow of the American Academy of Grief Counseling. She holds a BA in psychology and religious studies from the University of Miami, MA in religious studies and a Graduate Certificate in multidisciplinary gerontology from Florida International University and in loss and healing from St. Thomas University.

Her work has been centered in the area of grief and loss, expanding into meaning and growth. Ligia has a passion for life and believes all of us are able to fulfill our purpose if we can only change our attitude and beliefs.

Ligia has conducted workshops and seminars in English and Spanish, in the United States and Latin America. She has appeared on numerous radio and television programs, including CNN Español, NPR, NBC, and Univisión. A pioneer in working with Hispanics and grief, she authored the book *Counseling Hispanics through Loss, Grief, and Bereavement: A Guide to Mental Health Professionals*, which has been widely embraced as a helping manual in clinical settings, hospitals, and individuals. This book includes her system of transformation, The 11 Principles of Transformation™ which was introduced in her self-help book *Transform Your Loss: Your Guide to Strength and Hope*.

### Speaker Disclosure:

Financial: Ligia Houben is the Founder and Director of The Center for Transforming Lives. She receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.

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