

Outline

Types of Grief & Their Implications for Treatment

Disenfranchised grief
Persistent Complex Bereavement Disorder
Traumatic bereavement
Complicated Grief

Common trajectories for grief
Recognize complicated grief
Risk factors for complicated grief
Treatment interventions

Types of Loss & Their Impact on Grieving

Parental loss
Child loss
Widowhood
Non-death losses

Assessment: Intake Considerations for Grieving Clients

Current conceptualization models
Recognize different expressions of grief
Factors impacting the grief experience
Assess for depression and suicide ideation
Differentiate between depression, grief & PTSD
Use of Adjustment Disorder diagnosis with grief clients
Determine how the client understands their grief narrative
Persistent complex bereavement disorder
DSM-5® changes to Major Depressive Disorder
Take home assessment tools

Cultural Considerations for Grief Treatment

Cultural factors affecting expression of grief
Impact on mourning practices
Culture's impact on death anxiety & meaning of life
Determine where the identity emphasis lies
Cultural values regarding emotional expression and disclosure
The impact of society on grief

Grief Treatment: Interventions & Strategies to Improve Clinical Outcomes

Assist clients with expressing their pain
Integrate a new inner image of the deceased
Client self-assessment strategies for coping
Foster client relaxation skills
Let the client lead: Starting point, story & stopping point
Cultivate acceptance
Elicit emotional availability in clients
Give clients "permission" to not share stories
Focus on planning--not positivity
Develop healthy grief rituals
Target guilt due to stopping grief rituals

Target Audience

Psychologists • Psychiatrists • Counselors • Addiction Counselors • Case Manager • Social Workers
Pastoral Counselors • Chaplains/Clergy • Funeral Directors • Marriage & Family Therapists
Mental Health Nurses • Nursing Home Administrators • Thanatologists
Other Mental Health Professionals

Build a bridge between memories, current behaviors, & underlying values
Help clients accept the finality of the death
Navigate the treatment of multiple losses

In-Session Activities: On-the-Spot Interventions to Facilitate Healing

The client "influence of loss" chart
Use loving kindness meditation to build self-compassion in clients
"Who am I?" exercise
Utilize client letters to self

Grief Across the Lifespan: Help Your Clients Heal at Any Developmental Stage

Developmental considerations & milestones related to loss reactions for:

- Children
- Adolescents
- Early adulthood
- Middle adulthood
- Later adulthood

Grief & the Family: Guide Families Through Healthy Grieving

Family systems theory: Family influences on individual grief
Variables that complicate family adaptation
Strategies to guide family adaptation to loss
Develop respect for different grieving styles
The role of gender norms
"Family coat of arms" activity

Professional Issues: Ethical Considerations for Working with Grieving Clients, Their Families & the Terminally Ill

Ethical dilemmas that confront the terminally ill
Ethical principles of end-of-life decisions
The clinician's role in addressing psychological suffering & needs of the terminally ill
Impact of cause of death on social isolation
Identify the core values and principles of professional ethical behavior
Boundaries of professional competence

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Speaker

Joy R. Samuels, D.MIN., LPC-MHSP, NCC, has over 25 years’ experience as a licensed professional counselor, Fellow in Thanatology, chaplain, and ordained minister. She teaches in the graduate clinical mental health psychology department at Lipscomb University and at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in the United Methodist Church Course of Studies. She maintains a private counseling practice and supervises those seeking licensure as a LPC-MHSP.

Dr. Samuels holds D. MIN. and MDIV. degrees from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. Additionally, she holds an M.S. degree in counseling psychology from California State University, Northridge, CA, and a counseling certificate in substance abuse from the Northern Virginia Community College, Annadale, VA. Among her areas of expertise are individual, couples and family counseling, trauma and bereavement and post-masters supervision.

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