### 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

Determine how the client understands their grief

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

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**8:00** Program begins

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**4:00** Program ends

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Target guilt due to stopping grief rituals

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 selfcompassion 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 III

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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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.

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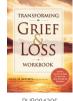
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