#### Outline

#### **Types of Grief & Their Implications** for Treatment

Grief vs. mourning Depression & bereavement: A distinction Secondary losses after death

Non-death losses

The problem with "getting over it" Misconceptions about grief & mourning Limitations of the research & potential risks

#### **Assessment: Intake Considerations for Grievina Clients**

Grief & coping models Factors that influence the mourning process Assessment of continuing bonds Loss line: The ultimate assessment tool Normal vs. complicated grief vs. prolonged grief Persistent Complex Bereavement Disorder

#### Assessment of Grief & Loss in **Children & Adolescents**

How children, adolescents & adults cope differently

Considerations for different age groups "De-code" the meanings of behaviors Six common questions following a death

"Things we want adults to know about our

Signs of concern/red flags

#### **Interventions & Strategies for Anticipatory Grief**

Normalize the dying process & grief experience Model healthy mourning behaviors Spot opportunities for memorialization Provide death education & practical support Strategies to prepare children & adults for the

#### **OVER 60 INTERVENTIONS TO PROMOTE HEALING WHEN IT'S TOO HARD TO TALK**

#### **Therapeutic Games**

Preschool/Early Elementary

- Doll house scene depiction
- Puppets & stuffed animals
- Sand tray therapy

#### Youth

- Therapy ball
- Shades of feelings
- Card games

Youth & Adults

- Constructive use of punching bags/pillows
- Topic starters
- Ouestions games
- · sharing: Cards, web of feelings ...and more!

#### Art with Children, Adolescents & Adults

"I Am" board

Colors of grief Support circles

Memory peacock Photo flower pot Clav/Plav-Doh

Photography Memory boxes & stones

...and more

## Poetry, Writing & Music Interventions for

**Bibliotherapy** 

Journaling

Poetry: "I am" exercise

Letter writing

Remembrance music Song/rap writing

Sticky note regrets

...and more!

#### **Memorialization Rituals**

Candle-lighting

"I remember" book

Online memorial page Rice paper/balloon release

Memory patio stones

Tree planting

...and more!

#### Interactive Activities for Healing as a Family

Web of feelings

Labyrinth with reflection stations

Memorial service

"Broken to whole

Bibliotherapy for families

Holiday activities: Memory ornaments & stockings

...and more!

#### **Grief & Loss Support Groups for Children, Adolescents & Adults**

Grief camps for kids

Support group considerations

Family involvement

Curriculum & session topics (for individual therapy too!)

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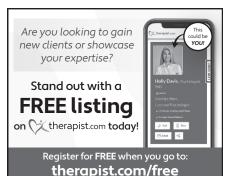
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4:00 Program ends

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### Objectives

- 1. Analyze the differences in the clinical presentation of depression as compared to be reavement.
- 2. Evaluate developmentally appropriate grief symptomology across the lifespan and assess for
- 3. Design individualized therapeutic interventions for bereaved children, adolescents, adults and families using various modalities.
- 4. Assess continuing bonds after death and their relevance to clinical practice with bereaved clients.
- Demonstrate how to Create a support group for bereaved children, adolescents, and/or adults with corresponding therapeutic activities.
- 6. Employ therapeutic techniques to address client grief associated with other forms of loss including divorce, chronic illness, military deployment and termination of parental rights.



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Dr. Sirrine has extensive expertise providing individual and group therapy to children, adolescents, adults, and families experiencing illness and loss. She has implemented numerous interventions and programs aimed at improving the emotional health of clients and currently serves as the Director of Social Work at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Dr. Sirrine frequently presents seminars on bereavement and loss throughout the United States and is known for her interactive and engaging workshops. A former university dean and professor, she has been distinguished as "Professor of the Year" and the National Association of Social Workers Heartland, Florida Unit's "Social Worker of the Year."

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