

Title IV-E Collaborative Presents

A PESI, Inc Presentation

Grief Treatment

Current Evidence-Based Approaches to Care Across the Lifespan

Alissa Drescher, MA, LPC

Friday, February 26, 2021

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ZOOM

Registration ends Wednesday, February 17th

Links sent out Friday, February 19th

Alissa Drescher, MA, LPC is a highly sought after speaker addressing topics related to grief and mourning, and is known for her creative, interactive and story-telling presentation style. She began working in the field of bereavement services in 2006, offering encouragement to grieving parents. Alissa's passion for supporting people through the grief process led to counseling both grieving children and adults in individual and group settings. At the Tristesse Grief Center in Tulsa, OK, she served as senior program director, overseeing a variety of programming including the Healing Hearts Camp, Oklahoma's first overnight camp for grieving children and teens (now Camp Erin Tulsa). Alissa was an adjunct professor at Southern Nazarene University teaching several undergraduate counseling courses including Death, Grief, and Loss. After relocating to Tennessee, Alissa became the founder/executive director of the Grief Center of Middle Tennessee, whose mission is to help children, teens, and adults cope with loss and change. Alissa is a Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying, & Bereavement and holds an MA in marriage and family therapy with a focus in play therapy. She is also a member of the Association of Death Education and Counseling and the National Alliance for Grieving Children.

Course Overview:

The need for a revolution in the way mental health providers approach grievers is on the rise. The "quick fix" nature of American culture, a death-denying attitude and an outdated adherence to stage theories has created an epidemic for grievers.

The potential is high to include a formalized diagnosis for Prolonged Grief Disorder in the next revision of the DSM-5. If this occurs clinicians will have an even greater responsibility to understand treatment modalities, assessment tools, and diagnostic criteria related to grief. Not long ago in American history, those in mourning would be quick to find comfort from family and faith. Yet, as our society shifts away from a faith-orientation and loneliness continues to escalate clinicians have the unique opportunity to stand in the gap of this crisis and provide a respite for grieving people of all ages.

This training provides fast and unique treatment tools that can be used in a wide variety of circumstances for grievers of all ages. The new Complicated Grief Treatment Model will also be examined for use with individual facing a more persistent response to grief. This treatment has been studied to have significantly higher response rate than interpersonal psychotherapy.

For more information regarding CEUs for this training, please contact the Title IV-E Collaborative at T4e.collaborative@gmail.com

Eligible County Employees

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