Traumatic and Complicated Loss: Facilitating Healing and Resilience in Couples and Families

Presenter: Froma Walsh, Ph.D.

Agenda:

2:30-2:45

2:45 - 4:00

8:00--9:00 am

9:00 - 10:30 am

Facing Death and Loss: Systemic Framework for Practice

• Advances in Bereavement Theory and Research
• Resilience-oriented Systemic Approach

10:30-10:45 am

Break

10:45 -noon

Traumatic and Complicated Losses: Risk and Resilience

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch (provided) 1:00 - 2:30 **Practice Principle**

Practice Principles for Healing and Resilience in Couple, Family, and Community Tragedy

• Video, Case Illustrations, and Discussion

Break

Expanding Our Lens: The Human Predicament of Death and Loss and Our Capacity for Resilience

- Addressing the Spiritual Dimension in Death and Loss
- What We Bring to Our Therapeutic Engagement
- Reflections

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Gain knowledge of research and theory advances on adaptation to loss, traumatic loss, and the treatment of complicated bereavement
- 2. Learn how to apply a resilience-oriented systemic practice approach with tragic losses in couples and families; and in situations of collective trauma and loss.
- Gain practice principles, guidelines, and skills to facilitate healing and resilience, drawing on relational, community, cultural, and spiritual resources.

Workshop Description:

The tragic death of a child, parent, spouse, sibling, or loved ones can shatter lives and bonds, reverberating through all relationships. How couples and families deal with death and loss can make the difference for healing and positive adaptation and can yield personal and relational transformation and growth. This workshop presents Dr. Walsh's research-informed, resilience-oriented systemic framework to guide practice with painful end-of-life challenges and complicated bereavement. We'll address relational dynamics and loss situations that heighten distress and risks for long-term individual dysfunction and couple/family breakdown. We'll also discuss collective traumatic losses with major disasters, war and refugee resettlement, community violence, terrorism and mass killings. Practice principles, developed through Dr. Walsh's extensive clinical experience, will be offered for compassionate engagement, attending to suffering, struggle, and the potential for resilience, drawing on relational, community, cultural, and spiritual resources. Practical guidelines, video, and case illustrations will address difficult challenges. We'll discuss issues in our therapeutic engagement, including compassion fatigue and our own loss experience, and highlight ways to help those suffering find meaning and connection to live and love fully beyond loss.

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About the Presenter:

Froma Walsh, MSW, PhD, is Co-Founder and Co-Director, Chicago Center for Family Health, and Firestone Professor Emerita, SSA and Department of Psychiatry, University of Chicago. Dr. Walsh is a leading international expert on family resilience, traumatic loss, and complicated bereavement, integrating cultural and spiritual influences in her resilience-oriented practice approach with couples and families. She is a past President, American Family Therapy Academy; past Editor, Journal of Marital & Family Therapy; AAMFT Fellow and Approved Supervisor; and recipient of awards from AAMFT, AFTA, APA and others for her distinguished contributions to the field. Recent books include: Strengthening Family Resilience (3rd ed., 2016); Spiritual Resources in Family Therapy (2nd. ed.); Living Beyond Loss: Death in the Family (2nd ed., with M. McGoldrick); and Normal Family Processes: Growing Diversity & Complexity (4th ed.). Dr. Walsh is a highly regarded speaker and consultant worldwide and an inspiring presenter.

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