

# *Untangling Intangible Loss in the Treatment of Traumatic Grief*



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**Online Conference with  
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## **About the Program**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a sobering and stark reminder about the preciousness, fragility, and brevity of life while also forcing us to live with the lingering effects of loss. While addressing loss and grief is often a predictable and fundamental focus of the work conducted by most clinicians, the type of traumatic grief precipitated by living in the midst of a global pandemic presents a new and unique set of challenges unlike any that we have likely experienced before. The clinical efforts we devote to addressing loss in the post pandemic world will require us to have an acute understanding of the intersections of dehumanized loss, intangible loss, and traumatic grief.

This day long, on-line, webinar will explore the anatomy of intangible loss, its relationship to dehumanized loss, and traumatic grief. Strategies for uncovering, untangling, and addressing intangible loss will be highlighted. Special attention will be devoted to delineating how a focus on intangible loss can constitute a critical framework for especially working effectively with clients of color and other marginalized populations. Participants will also be encouraged to explore relevant “Self of the Therapist” issues that may impede or facilitate their ability to effectively engage clients grappling with intangible loss and grief.



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## Objectives

This program will:

- Assist participants in identifying at least three manifestations of intangible loss.
- Help participants distinguish between tangible and intangible loss.
- Provide participants with at least two distinguishing characteristics of dehumanized loss.
- Provide participants with a critical overview of the unique ways in which intangible loss, anger, grief, and rage are complexly intertwined, especially for marginalized populations.
- Help participants identify salient “Self of the Therapist” issues that may impede and/or facilitate one’s ability to effectively understand and treat intangible loss.

## Agenda/Schedule

- 8:30 am Welcome, Logistical Information
- 8:45 Introductions
- 9:00 Assumptions & Theoretical Considerations in Working with Loss
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Intangible Loss
- 12:00n Lunch Break
- 12:30 pm Strategies for Working with Intangible Loss
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Strategies & “Self of the Therapist” Considerations
- 3:30 Summary, Q & A, Closing Remarks

## Conference Fees

Current MCDES Members: \$100

Non Members: \$125

## Intended Audience

This program is intended for nurses, social workers, psychologists, clergy, chaplains, counselors, hospice staff, physicians, nursing home, hospital and home care employees, funeral home and emergency personnel, educators, physical and occupational therapists, art therapists, marriage and family therapists, students and volunteers.

## CE Information

This program is designed to meet the Minnesota Board of Nursing CE requirements for 6 contact hours for RNs and LPNs. It has been approved for 6.5 credits from the MN Board of Social Work, and 6 CEUs from the MN Board of Psychology, the MN Board of Behavior Health and Therapy, and the MN Board of Marriage and Family Therapists. Application has been made for 6 credits from the MN Funeral Home Personnel. Call Florence Wright, MCDES Vice Chair, 651-241-4407, for more information.

## Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information go to: [www.mcdes.org/scholarships](http://www.mcdes.org/scholarships).

## Registration Deadline/ Cancellation Policy

Registration deadline is September 30.

Cancellations received on or after September 30 will be assessed a \$25 processing fee.



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