

THE IMPACT OF DISENFRANCHISED GRIEF ON AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES



DESCRIPTION:

Disenfranchised grief occurs when a loss is stigmatized or is not socially validated. At times the stigmatization and invalidation of grief is intertwined, consciously or unconsciously, in racial bias and racist ideology that results in a lack of empathy for the bereaved. Therefore, empathic failures (or the lack of empathy) can negatively influence grief support and disenfranchise the grief of African Americans, who have faced discrimination throughout US history. This program will identify how African American grief is disenfranchised, its effect on African American communities, and how to correct injustices that result in a paucity of grief support for African Americans.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

This presentation features experienced professionals offering their own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the experts talking and presenting. If you login for the live version of the program, you'll also have the opportunity to email or text the experts' questions that they will discuss and answer during the program's Q & A session.

LIVE DATE:	October 10, 2023
TIME:	Noon to 1:30pm ET
ON DEMAND:	Available for 1 year; until October 9, 2024
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CEs:	1.5 hours for a wide variety of professional boards
CE FEE:	Included with registration
CONTENT LEVEL:	The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home, or faith community environments

This program will be live on the air date, recorded and made available for on demand viewing. The recorded program will be available approximately a day after the live event.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

To view this online program, you will need a computer and screen, reliable internet access, and speakers. If you are showing to a large group, you will need a way to project on a large screen and a sound amplification system. Please test your system ahead of time to ensure you have the capabilities to view and hear the program, as HFA does not provide refunds on registration. Please be sure to test on the SAME equipment you will use on the day of the program viewing.

TEST LINK for Audio and Video: <https://zoom.us/test>

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PROGRAM FEES/MATERIALS:

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Define disenfranchised grief (DG) and use that information to develop a theory-based framework to guide a better understanding of how structural racism and DG negatively impact African Americans in grief.
 2. Examine the interconnectedness of empathic failures to discrimination, racial identity, and bias.
 3. Identify culturally attuned strategies to help African Americans navigate disenfranchised grief.
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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- I. Introduction (5 min)
 - II. Disenfranchised Grief and Categories of Disenfranchised Grief (10 min)
 - III. The Context of African American Grief in the US (10 min)
 - IV. Historical Context of Black bereavement (5 min)
 - V. Understanding Empathy and its limitations (10 min)
 - VI. Culturally-Attuned Strategies (10 min)
 - VII. Question and Answers (10 min)
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CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) CREDITS:

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EXPERT PANELISTS:

Doneila McIntosh, MDiv, MA, is currently a third-year doctoral student at the University of Minnesota in Family Social Science with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy. Doneila has a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in Theological Studies and a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (M.A.). She is psychotherapist at the African American Child Wellness Institute (AACWI) in Minneapolis. Prior to becoming a psychotherapist, she worked as a chaplain for nearly 10 years. A systemic interventionist, Doneila primarily works with couples and families. She specializes in compassionate grief therapy helping clients navigate the intersections of trauma, grief, and loss. She utilizes the African Centered Wellness Model© to work with clients and is also trained in a variety of modalities including Mindfulness Stress Reduction (MBSR) and Mindfulness Self-Compassion (MSC). Doneila's research aligns with her previous work as a chaplain where she explores the intersections of disenfranchised grief among African American families, particularly in the aftermath of violent death.

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