

Hospice Foundation of America's Program

THE IMPACT OF DISENFRANCHISED GRIEF ON AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

Self-Study ONLINE Course

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

Hospice Foundation of America has taken its popular webinar program and created a self-study course for professionals. The online presentation features an experienced professional offering his own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to see and hear the expert presenter.

- RELEASE DATE:** Program originally premiered October 10, 2023
ON DEMAND: Viewing available to registered individuals for 6 months after purchase.
LENGTH: 90 minutes
CE HOURS: 1.5 hours
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: The course is useful to Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home or faith community environments

HOW THE ONLINE SELF-STUDY PROGRAM WORKS

Step 1 - Register/purchase the course

Step 2 - View the course online through the link in your confirmation email or in your account.

Step 3 - Follow the instructions provided to receive your CE certificate*.

*An evaluation and a short exam are a part of this process.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A computer and reliable internet connection. Mobile service provider charges may apply.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/FEEES

Register directly online, on HFA's website: www.hospicefoundation.org.

There are no refunds on registration. *Few exceptions may occur depending on the circumstance. To request a refund, a written request must be received (and granted) by HFA.

REGISTRATION POLICY

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Provides one person, the registrant, access to the self-study course for personal viewing and continuing education. Discounts may be available for multiple viewers. Please check HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org for current pricing.

MATERIALS AREA

Course materials (Video, Program Slides, and Viewer Guide) are accessible to all registered individuals online immediately after registering. Download materials are available on HFA's website at <https://hospicefoundation.org/Shop-HFA/My-Account>, under "Orders/Courses."

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PROGRAM, 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.

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)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This program is valid for 1.5 contact hours of continuing education. View the current list of board approvals on HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org, located on the program's registration page.

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must view the entire 90-minute program (online-streaming video). Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online before a certificate is awarded. The online CE process includes a required evaluation form and exam. The exam must be completed at 80% or above (the exam may be re-taken, if necessary).

EXPERT PRESENTER

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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