

## Hospice Foundation of America's Program

# CUMULATIVE GRIEF IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

## Self-Study ONLINE Course

### DESCRIPTION

Disproportionate COVID-19 deaths, due in part to healthcare disparities, and recent social unrest over systemic racism, have brought the experiences of Black Americans into sharp focus. This webinar examines how centuries of inequity and trauma, both acknowledged and ignored, have manifested as cumulative grief in the Black community; how that reality impacts health, health care, death, and loss; and what can be done to affect positive long-term change.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Hospice Foundation of America has taken its popular webinar program and created a self-study course for professionals. The online 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.

<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	Program originally premiered August 25, 2020
<b>ON DEMAND:</b>	Viewing available to registered individuals for 6 months after purchase.
<b>LENGTH:</b>	90 minutes
<b>CE HOURS:</b>	1.5 hours
<b>CONTENT LEVEL:</b>	The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
<b>TARGET AUDIENCE:</b>	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](http://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](http://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 grief.
2. Summarize the Black American context for grief.
3. Recognize cultural expressions of grief and mourning in the Black culture.
4. Define patterns unique to the grief experiences of Black families bereaved by loss from developmental, historical, contextual, and social justice perspectives.
5. Give examples of effective grief support for Black Americans.

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

- I. Define terms: Complex Trauma, Intersectionality, Microaggression (10 minutes)
- II. Current dual pandemics: COVID-19/health disparities & Systematic racism (15 minutes)
- III. Define Grief, examine what grief is and is not (10 minutes)
- IV. Black American Worldviews on Death & leading causes of death (10 minutes)
- V. Factors that complicate grieving in Black Americans (15 minutes)
- VI. Needs of grieving persons & resources (10 minutes)
- VII. Applications for Grief support (15 minutes)
- VIII. Question and Answer Session (5-10 minutes)

## 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](http://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 SPEAKERS

**Corey L. Kennard, MACM**, is Pastor of Amplify Christian Church, manager of Patient Experience at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and also serves as an activist in the field of healthcare. His holistic approach (body, mind, and spirit) serves as the foundation for his desire to see all human beings treated with dignity, honor, and respect in all facets of life. Corey has been involved in the field of healthcare for over 20 years with over a decade of experience in the areas of Palliative Care and Hospice. He currently seeks to enhance the patient/family experience in healthcare settings. His work has also included leading a spiritual care team at one of Detroit's largest hospitals, and formerly serving as a Faculty Lead for Duke University's Institute on Care at the End Of Life (ICEOL) national training program called, "APPEAL." He had also served as a National Advisory Board Member for the Hospice Foundation of America, and as a Co-Director of a Community Faith "Advance Care Planning" Project for the University of Virginia. Corey earned a Masters Degree from Ashland Theological Seminary and carries out his passion for people as a daring and devoted agent of change.

**Rev. Cynthia Carter Perrilliat, MPA**, has over 25 years of experience as a change agent in healthcare, marketing and communications, biotechnologies and community organizations. Over the last 15 years, she has focused on end of life care program development and educational training in the African American, Latinx and Asian communities. As part of VITAS Healthcare, Rev. Cynthia established a targeted compassionate care approach to communities of color, which was adopted and replicated across the 17-state

footprint of VITAS. She also served as faculty member of the Duke University APPEAL program, a Palliative Care Educational Curriculum for African Americans at the end of life.

## REVIEWER

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Planners (Panelists and Reviewers) disclose no conflict of interest relative to this educational activity.

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