

When Therapists Grieve:

Ethical and Clinical Considerations in the Face of Personal and Professional Bereavement

Live (Synchronous) Virtual Workshop (3 Hours)
September 18 | 10:00 AM–1:15 PM

Grief is an inherently experiential process, and no one can fully predict how it will shape their clinical presence or practice.

Yet clinicians are rarely trained to understand grief from the therapist's perspective. Therapist grief carries meaningful clinical and ethical implications that deserve thoughtful attention and preparation. This workshop explores how therapists are impacted by personal loss and the death of clients, and how grief can influence ethical judgment, boundaries, countertransference, and clinical decision-making. Emphasis is placed on ethical responsibility, reflective practice, and compassionate self-awareness.

Continuing Education:

3 CEs approved by NBCC and AASECT



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Learning Objectives | Participants will be able to:

- Identify common patterns, reactions, and themes associated with professional grief and loss in clinical work.
- Recognize how grief can influence therapeutic presence, judgment, and practice, and differentiate between normative grief responses and clinically significant impairment.
- Apply ethical decision-making frameworks to develop compassionate, ethically sound responses to both personal losses and the death of a client.

Cost per session:

\$65 (early bird and equity pricing available)

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