

## **Walking Alongside: role of Faith in Working with the Terminally Ill**

**Presenter: Dr. Jay Parkins**

\*pending approval for social work CEUs – 3 hours

This workshop is designed for caregivers and others working with persons who are terminally ill. It is structured to include discussion and reflection on the role of faith in the life of the caregiver with an emphasis on how to serve the patient/consumer with sensitivity to the role of faith in the life of the care recipient. Often caregivers find themselves working with persons whose faith tradition is different from theirs or for whom religious faith is not an important component. This workshop will address how a person of faith may walk with someone at the end of life with sensitivity and care regardless of the person's faith tradition. This has become more important in our area due to the influx of immigrant populations with different cultural and religious backgrounds. Participants will reflect on the role of faith in their lives, how to be present with people of different cultural and religious backgrounds and how to accompany another person to the end of life without imposing one's personal faith views upon another person.

## **Addictions**

**Presenter: Patty Marino Deutsch**

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A look at addictions and new modalities to engage those with addictions and their families in treatment. Discussion will include: role of dopamine; how does someone get addicted; costs of gambling; pathological, compulsive, and problem gambling; stages of gambling; screening and assessment; women and slot machines; what we see when addiction is present; signs that a problem may exist; facts about addiction; success stories.

## **Is This Job Burnout or Stress?**

**Presenter: Patty Deutsch**

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Are you a helper who is burned out, looking for new career paths and/or unsure of your feelings related to your job? Learn how to identify what is happening and address your issues. Discussion will include: signs and symptoms; 3 Rs – recognize, reverse, resilience; coping with burnout; recovering from burnout; preventing burnout; professional quality of life; balance your life; self-assessment.

## **Parental Alienation**

**Presenter: Dr. Stacey Barr Borasky**

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Parental alienation refers to the systematic and continuous effort of one parent to get children to turn against and reject the other parent. While this behavior is most common among families where divorce occurs, it can also be found in intact families. Studies show that the long term effects of being an alienated child are at higher risk for alcohol and drug abuse, depression, failed relationships, and inability to trust oneself or others. In essence, it creates a cycle of unhealthy and unstable relationships if not treated by competent professionals. While many adults experience anger and hurt during divorce and may in fact, say negative things about their former partner, emotionally health individuals eventually let go of this anger and support the children having positive relationships with both parents. Studies indicate that adults engaging in alienating behavior for extended periods show symptoms of personality disorders, and as stated previous, do serious emotional damage to their children. It is therefore crucial that social workers who work with children and families learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of parental alienation versus simple anger and hurt that fades and how to intervene with the children, the alienating parent, and the targeted parent.

## **Understanding Self Is a Start When Understanding Others**

**Presenter: Dr. Tom Linger**

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This seminar is designed to provide the participants with information and tools leading to enhanced professional and personal relationships by gaining an understanding how history, life experiences, innate and self-imposed values impact one's personal life and related behavior. An emphasis will be placed on understanding and communication with the elderly.