MissingPieces.org Dealing with Grief after Abortion

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Dear friends,

Abortion grief is one of the most misunderstood dynamics that professional therapists might encounter. Many clients do not self-disclose a past choice decision. This unprocessed grief could contribute to other emotional issues. It is time to bring abortion after-care into the clinical setting.

Trudy Johnson, LMFT, founder of MissingPieces.Org, will share from her years of experience working in the area of abortion recovery with professionals.

Please mark Friday, January 22, 2016 as an in-service training for yourself and your staff. Additionally, 6 CEUs may be available to professional therapists.

Location: Pinelake Church 6071 Hwy 25, Brandon, MS 39047 Register at www.classy.org/ConnectingWithAbortionGrief.



Course Outline:

MORNING SESSION: Foundational Principles of Choice Processing and Resolution

8:30-9:30- Grief After Abortion is Real. In depth discussion concerning the Fetal-Microchimerism Research; Abortion and Disenfranchised Grief; How Disenfranchised grief prevents therapy success; Complicated Grief and How to Approach in the Counseling Room.

9:30-10:30- Dynamics of Abortion as a cultural more`and Abortion as a Trauma Bonding Experience

In-depth discussion of abortion as a cultural more` and why that creates to the disenfranchisement of abortion and grief. Definition of trauma bonding and how it relates to abortion grief

10:30-10:45-Break

10:45-11:45- Common Misconceptions: Why the Choice Does Not Bring Closure and Why Staying Locked in Denial Prevents the Grieving Process. How trauma bonding prevents the grief process and creates a

bubble of denial around the client.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The Tipping Point: Breaking the Denial Barriers and Tools

12:45-1:45 In-Depth Discussion of the concept of "The Tipping Point" and why changing the terminology helps break the denial barriers. Pooling resources: professionals and support groups working together.

1:45-2:00-Break

2:00-2:30 A Word about Men and Abortion

2:30-4:00 Real Case Studies; Explanation of Resources and Worksheets;

Role Play using Real Case Studies; Questions and Answers