

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Your Profession:

Counselor

Social Worker

Marriage and Family Therapist

Hospice Worker

Nurse

Minister/Chaplain

Student

Other _____

Amount enclosed (if submitted by May 27):

\$115 for Professional Participants

\$75 for OASERVIC Members

\$50 for Students (include copy of ID)

\$45 for OASERVIC Student Members

Send your check or money order made out to OASERVIC to:

Sarah Knisely
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Shiloh, OH 44878

Your Program Facilitators

For 20 years, Peggy Lesniewicz, Ph.D., LPCC-S, has worked in the mental health field counseling victims of trauma and abuse. In addition, she worked at Hospice of Northwest Ohio as a bereavement counselor. Currently Dr. Lesniewicz is an instructor at Bowling Green State University where she teaches in the Graduate Mental Health & School Counseling Program. She teaches "Integrating Spirituality and Religion into Counseling," based on the 14 spiritual competencies approved by the American Counseling Association. Over the years, Dr. Lesniewicz has taught workshops on a variety of subjects, including Near-Death Experiences, Ethics and Spirituality, and various mental health issues. She has a private counseling practice, The Healing Center, in Northwest Ohio.

Linda Smith, M.A., PC, counsels clients on issues related to grief and trauma stemming from death, divorce, chronic and terminal illness, job loss, and other life changes and crises. A long-time educator and trainer, she is also the Associate Dean and professor at the Honors College of the University of Toledo. Her non-counseling credentials include a law degree and a Ph.D. in English literature. She teaches courses and workshops dealing with the Near-Death and other death-related experiences, mysticism and spirituality, the role of personality in the grief process, suffering and personal growth, and the use of the expressive arts in loss and trauma. Dr. Smith is the author of *Annie Dillard*, the critical biography of the Pulitzer-Prize winning mystic.

Death, Dying, and the Near-Death Experience: What Every Health Care Professional Should Know



As many as 4% of Americans have experienced a Near-Death Experience, and up to 75% of the bereaved report communications from deceased loved ones. At this workshop, learn about these and other death-related events and how to help your clients successfully integrate them into their lives.

Friday, May 31, 2013

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**The Sandberg Leadership
Center**

**910 Center Street
Ashland, Ohio 44805**

The Sandberg Leadership Center is located on the Ashland Theological Seminary Campus

Agenda

8:30-9:00 am - Registration

9:00-9:15 - Welcome, Overview

9:15-10:30 - Western Views toward Death and Dying, Multicultural Views, and New Paradigms for Thinking about Death

10:30-10:45 - Break; snacks provided

10:45 - 11:15 - Reports of Shared and Observed End-of-Life Experiences

11:15 - 11:45 - Interventions and strategies

11:45 - 12:15 pm - Case discussions

12:15 - 1:15 - Lunch*

1:15 - 1:30 - Theories about the Survival of Consciousness

1:30 - 2:00 - Components of the Near-Death Experience (NDE)

2:00 - 2:30 - Consequences of the Near-Death Experience (NDE)

2:30 - 2:45 - Break

2:45 - 3:30 - Interventions

3:30 - 4:00 - Case discussions

4:00 - 4:30 - Wrap Up and Evaluations

*Lunch is not included but a variety of dining options are located in the area. Options will be provided onsite.

Who Should Attend

- Counselors and Social Workers
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Hospice Workers
- Nurses and other Medical Professionals
- Ministers and Chaplains
- Laypeople and caregivers

Program Objectives

- To educate participants about the frequency and nature of death-related experiences including Death-Bed Experiences, After-Death Communications, and Near-Death Experiences.
- To provide examples of the wide variety of death and grief practices of world cultures contrasted to those of traditional western-based American culture.
- To educate and prepare health care professionals for end-of-life issues with clients and patients.
- To provide compassionate interventions and strategies to help individuals successfully integrate death-related experiences.
- To provide interventions and strategies for helping couples and family systems deal with death-related issues with loved ones.

Continuing Education Credits

Completion of this program provides 6 clock hours for Ohio counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, and nurses.

Early registration program cost by May 27:

\$115 Professional Participants

\$75 OASERVIC Members

\$50 for students (must include copy of student ID)

\$45 OASERVIC Student Members

* Early registrants will receive the discounted price listed above. Late and on-site registration will be increased by \$10 .

Location

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Contact Information

For questions or additional information, contact

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