

# Contemporary Perspectives on Grief Counseling



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Abilene, Texas  
Comfort Suites—University  
1902 E. Overland Trail (I-20 near Hwy 351)  
Abilene, TX 79601  
Thursday, April 1, 2010 from 8am to 4:30pm

Register online today at  
[www.GriefConnect.com](http://www.GriefConnect.com)

**R**egardless of the setting in which a counselor practices, issues of death and grief loom large in counseling individuals and families. In this fast-paced practical workshop, you will learn the most effective counseling strategies to use with people facing death-related losses.

Some of the many topics we'll be discussing. . .

- Stages, phases, tasks, or needs: How to understand bereavement and provide effective interventions
- Understanding the role of denial in death-related loss
- When grief goes awry: Intervening in complicated mourning
- Effective use of games, creative arts and stories with bereaved children and teens
- Helping people who "don't want to talk about it"
- How financial distress complicates bereavement
- Anticipatory grief: Supporting patients and families as death approaches
- They don't do things like me: Working with bereaved families from other cultures
- Remembering the forgotten mourners—Counseling bereaved children and teens
- Creating effective bereavement support groups



**Objectives.** At the conclusion of this seminar, you will be able to. . .

1. Utilize contemporary models of bereavement to intervene with individuals, couples, and families
2. Develop a counseling plan for anticipatory grief with patients and families
3. Describe five complicating factors in grief and use effective interventions with each
4. Assess for complicated bereavement and make a plan to intervene
5. Use effective counseling strategies with bereaved children and teens
6. Describe cultural components of bereavement and use a simple assessment strategy to provide effective care

Seminar begins promptly at 8am; lunch on your own

## About the Presenter



William G. (Bill) Hoy is a professional educator and counselor, specializing in bereavement and end-of-life care. For more than 25 years, he has walked alongside the dying and bereaved as a healthcare chaplain, hospice bereavement coordinator and grief counselor.

In 2006, Dr. Hoy transitioned from day-to-day operation of the bereavement program at Pathways Volunteer Hospice in Long Beach, California, to the role of program oversight, consultation, and client assessment. In addition to his client responsibilities, he now also provides more than 70 continuing education workshops and invited presentations each year in cities across the United States and Canada.

In addition to his graduate education, Dr. Hoy holds board certification (FT) in death education and grief counseling and is active in the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC). He presently chairs ADEC's networking group for school crisis intervention and works with schools and school districts across America.

He has written extensively in the field with dozens of journal articles, pamphlets, and educational brochures to his credit. His book, *Guiding People through Grief: How to Start and Lead a Bereavement Group* is in its third printing and his book, *Road to Emmaus: Pastoral Care with the Dying and Bereaved* is in its second.

From 1993 to 2003, Dr. Hoy taught bioethics, death studies, and grief counseling courses at Cypress College. In addition to his work with grieving families, he now teaches in the graduate program in bereavement studies for Marian University.

*It is rare to attend a training where the presenter is both a scholar and a clinician. This is the case anytime Dr. Hoy presents. His compassionate presentations are based in research and he always presents practical tools to assist clients. I have been particularly impressed at the cultural diversity and the spiritual sensitivity of his workshops.*

--Paula Loring, LCSW, LMFT, San Antonio, TX

*Vastly informative yet practical in his approach to the tough issues of life and death, Dr. Bill Hoy is a delightfully warm and engaging presenter.*

--Jacqueline Kosewick, LMFT, psychotherapist, Mission Viejo, CA

*Bill provided a workshop for us attended by more than 80 of our school nurses, social workers, and counselors—to rave reviews from everyone. Our people are still talking about the helpfulness of this workshop and are asking when we can bring Bill back again!*

--Jean Steverson, PhD, Rockingham County Schools, NC

**School Counselors.** GriefConnect, Inc. is approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as an approved Continuing Professional Education Provider (CPE 501696). 7.0 contact hours of CPE.

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**Abilene, TX on Thursday April 1, 2010**

- \$ 89 if you register by March 15
- \$ 109 after March 15

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