

registration and fees:

\$90 for the day (incl. breakfast & materials)

25% discount for Silver School of Social Work Alumni, Field Instructors, and agency groups of 3 or more.

6 CEUs will be awarded for the day.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Title: _____ Agency: _____

NYU SSSW alumni/ae Yes No Year of graduation: _____

How did you hear about our event?

email friend advertisement _____ internet search other _____
(please specify) (please specify)

Make check payable to: NYU Social Work.

MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Silver School of Social Work

New York University

1 Washington Square North

New York, NY 10003

Attention: Priany Hadiatmodjo

Fax: 212-995-4172

For more information on this and other continuing education programs contact:

Katharine Bloeser, LMSW

Junior Research Scientist

Division of Lifelong Learning and Professional Development

t: 212.998.5897

f: 212.995.4172

e: katharinebloeser@nyu.edu

NYU Silver
Silver School of Social Work

Division of Lifelong Learning
and Professional Development

Social Work and Spirituality Working with Children: Issues of Illness, Loss and Trauma



December 9, 2009 9:00am-4:30pm

Kimmel Center for Student Life, 60 Washington Square South

Co-Sponsored by:

UJA Federation
of New York

Social Work and Spirituality-Working with Children: Issues of Illness, Loss and Trauma

overview

Spirituality is an important resource for dealing with trauma and loss. Research has found that spirituality can have a positive influence on children specifically as it can lead to personal meaning and worth. Spirituality has been found to lower depression rates and to be effective for children who are experiencing their own severe medical conditions, the serious illness or loss of a parent or close friend, a traumatic experience, poverty, the incarceration of a parent, immigration, or community violence.

Spiritual work with children can include helping them to identify what is sacred in their lives, discover the rewards of play and humor, and find meaning amongst crisis. The social worker or other mental health professional can help the child as a supportive companion and clinician, bestowing kindness and compassion, modeling positive relationships, and enabling effective verbal communication.

The conference will explore the emotional and spiritual development of children. There will be a focus, through narratives, on the loss, anger, and trauma that children experience and spiritual approaches to help the child contend with these issues and normalize their lives. Actual experiences that individual children have faced will be presented and skills in addressing their issues through a spiritual lens will be demonstrated.

This conference is for social workers and other mental health professionals who work directly with children and their families during times of loss, trauma, and illness.

agenda	
9:00-9:10am	Registration coffee and light breakfast
9:10-9:20am	Welcome Address Eileen Wolkstein, PhD, Director, Division of Lifelong Learning and Professional Development
9:20-10:20am	Theories of Child Development Theresa Aiello, PhD, Associate Professor, Silver School of Social Work, New York University The Spiritual Development of Children Rabbi Mollie Cantor, Pediatric Chaplain at the Kravis Children's Hospital at Mount Sinai Medical Center
10:20-10:30am	Break
10:30-11:00am	Spirituality and Trauma Al-Hajji Imam Yusef H. Hasan, Staff Chaplain, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
11:00-11:30am	Questions and Answers
11:30-12:15pm	Small Group Processing and Facilitated Discussion Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub, LCSW, Rabbinic Director of JBFCS, NY Jewish Healing Center & National Center for Jewish Healing
12:15-1:30pm	Lunch on your own
1:30-2:00pm	Spirituality in the Inner City Jacqueline Mattis, PhD, Associate Professor of Applied Psychology and Department Chair, New York University
2:00-2:15pm	Questions and Answers
2:15-3:15pm	Creating Meaning: Personal Narrative Kathy Boudin, EdD, Project Director, Center for Comprehensive Care Administration, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center Jonathan Santiago, Student
3:15-4:15pm	Through the Eyes of Our Children: Lessons of Hope, Faith and Meaning Mary Gravina, LCSW, Vice President of Counseling Services, Hospice Care Network Meditation Experience Anthony Nicotera JD, LCSW, Director of Development, Christ the King Preparatory School
4:15-4:30	Final Discussion and Evaluations