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## **Spring 2009 Workshops**

Loss and Traumatic Stress  
 & Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Series



### **Relearning the World after Loss and Trauma: Foundations for a Loss-Informed Practice**

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Friday, February 6th, 2009 9:00am-4:00pm

University Center | Webb Room

LT Foundation | CSA | ACT 48 | 6 CE Credits



### **Workshop Description**

This workshop will arm participants with perspectives and tools to create a loss- and trauma-informed approach to clinical work. Whether one chooses to specialize in these areas or not, all clinicians need a working knowledge about the human response to loss and trauma, given their common occurrence and potential to impact lives dramatically. Participants will be challenged to broaden their perspectives on what loss is as they explore major types of loss, tasks of grieving, disenfranchised grief, the connections between loss and trauma, and major theoretical perspectives on trauma and loss.

This is the Mandatory Foundations workshop for the Loss and Traumatic Stress Certificate Program and applies as an elective to the Child Sexual Abuse Certificate Program.\* Participants do not need to be enrolled in a certificate program to attend this workshop.



### **Objectives**

Participation in this program will enable you to:

- Classify major types of loss and explore how American society tends to respond to them.
- Identify the key tasks facing individuals who experience loss.
- Understand disenfranchised grief and conditions under which it is likely to occur.
- Define traumatic stress and examine its connection to loss and grief.
- Debunk common misconceptions about human response to loss and trauma.
- Incorporate basic screening tools for enhancing a loss- and trauma-informed approach to practice.

LT = Applies to the Loss and Traumatic Stress Certificate Program

CSA = Applies to the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate Program

ACT 48 = Workshop approved for ACT 48 credits

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\*Note: Mandatory/Core Knowledge workshops cannot be applied to both certificate programs. Electives can be credited towards both certificates, provided they are designated as applying to both.

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