Working with Individuals Whose Lives Have Been Impacted by Adoption

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Research has shown that most clinicians have no training on adoption issues resulting in a shortage of adoption competent therapist in the community. This program will present an overview of adoption issues through the lifespan providing clinicians a framework for working with individuals who were adopted, birth/first families and adoptive parents. Case examples will be presented from foster care adoption, private domestic adoption and international adoption.

Learning objectives:

• To develop an understanding of how adoption and relinquishment may impact individuals who were adopted, adoptive families, and birth/first parents over their lifetime.

• To learn strategies for working with individuals who are struggling with issues around loss, identity, rejection, loyalty, shame and other core issues of adoption.

• To learn how to help individuals talk to family members about difficult adoption/relinquishment issues.

• To learn about issues unique to adoption: open adoption relationships, search and reunion, and transracial adoption.

• To learn how to do an adoption sensitive intake assessment.

This program is free of charge. However if you would like to receive Social Work Continuing Education hours, there is a cost of $70/$35 for SSW field instructors. This event is approved for 3.5 CE hours.

REGISTRATION is required – go to http://www.albany.edu/ssw/current-programs-and-registration-ceu.php to reserve your spot as space is limited.