

Delaware End-of-Life Coalition

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An Evening Program on End-of-Life Care



Presenter

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Spicer-Mullikin Family Aftercare Services

- **■** Provides services to families
 - ♦ Phone calls & personal contact
 - **◆ Letters**
 - ♦ Information on grief
 - **♦** Newsletter
 - ◆ Individual & family counseling



Spicer-Mullikin Family Aftercare Services

- Provides services to families and community
 - **◆ Telephone referral service**
 - **♦** Library



Support Groups for Fall 2004

- Pathways Through Grief Workshop
- **Changing Pathways**
- Widowed Seniors Alone



Additional Support Programs

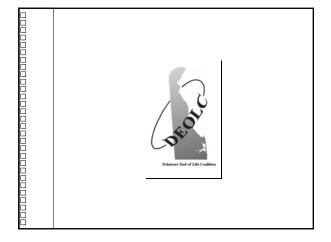
- Family Caregiver Information and Support Group
- **HOPE for the HOLIDAYS**



Referral Resources ■ The Compassionate Friends ♦ www.brandywinetcf.org **■** G.O.A.L. and Living Through Loss ♦ Chandler Funeral Homes (302) 478-7100 ■ Survivors of Accident and Murder (SAM) ♦ www.mhainde.org Referral Resources (cont.) **■ Supporting KIDDS ♦**(302) 658-5433 ■ Survivors of Suicide **♦ (302) 654-6833** ■ You Are Not Alone **♦**(302) 655-9624 For resources in other geographical areas **■** Contact **◆ Funeral homes ♦** Hospices

◆ Family and mental health agencies

Written Resources ■ Compassion Books ♦ www.compassionbooks.com **■** Centering Corporation ♦ www.centering.org How can we help those who are grieving? ■ Remember the Five "T's" ♦ Talk **◆ Tears ◆** Time **◆** Touch ◆ Travel Remember... Grief is a normal process. Friends and family may provide all the help a bereaved person needs.





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Psychologists ...

- American Psychological Association (APA)
 - www.apa.org
- Delaware Psychological Association (DPA)
 - ♦ www.depsych.org
- Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC)
 - ♦ www.adec.org

Why refer to a psychologist?

- **■** Complicated grief
- Symptoms interfere with daily functioning

People Seek Help

- At different times
- **■** For different reasons



What can a psychologist do?

- **✓ Evaluate**
- ✓ Educate
- ✓ Intervene
- ✓ Support
- ✓ Refer

Local Community Resources

- **■** Compassionate Friends
- **Supporting KIDDS**
 - **♦** (302) 658-5433
- Survivors of Accident and Murder (SAM)
 - ♦ www.mhainde.org
- Survivors of Suicide (SOS)
 - ♦ www.mhainde.org

The Therapeutic Territory

- Who died?
- How did they die?



Natural Deaths

- Old age
- Illness



Unnatural Deaths



- Suicide
- Accident
- Homicide
- **Child Death**

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM IV)

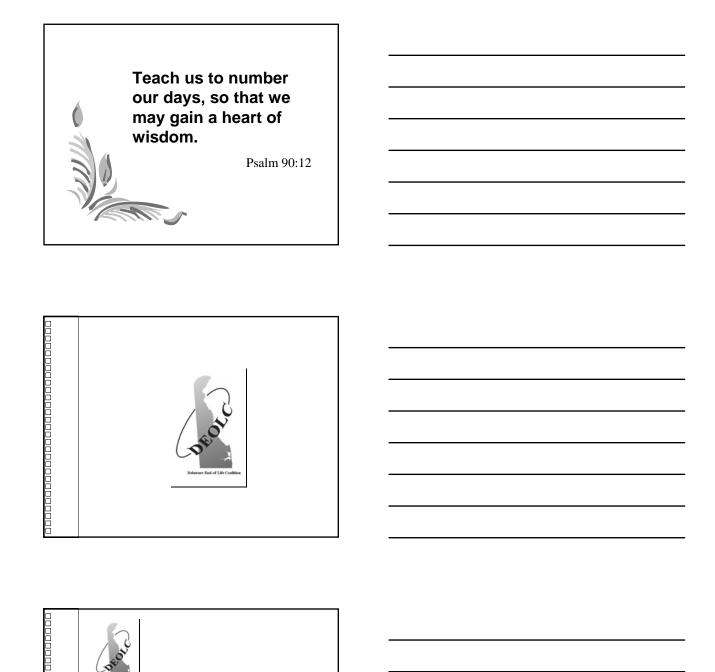
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Adjustment
 Disorder with
 Anxiety/
 Depression



Shalom: Integration of Grief

- Hello
- **■** Goodbye
- Peace

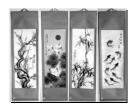




Alex Tyree, MS Bereavement Counselor Delaware Hospice

Delaware Hospice Bereavement

- Grief is a natural process
- Experience of grief is unique to each person
- **■** Choice in services



Mailings



- Grief information and coping strategies
- Inspirational
- **■** Self Assessment
- Anniversary and birthday acknowledgement

Assessment Visit

- **■** Grief education
- Assess functioning, coping skills and grief responses
- Help develop the narrative
- Assist with development of strategies for coping
- Referral



Groups and Workshops



- Grief education
- Share coping skills
- Facilitate connection
- Offer continued social contacts

Memorial Services

- Celebrate, remember and honor
- Share common bonds
- Reconnect with staff
- Participate in ritual



New Hope



- Preparation for death
- Bereavement support
- **■** Grief education
- **■** Camp
- Referral

Community Outreach

- Community education and information
- Referral
- In-services
- Support groups



Delaware Hospice: For more info, call 478-5707







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Man lives in three dimensions: The somatic, the mental, and the spiritual. The spiritual dimension cannot be ignored, for it is what makes us human.

- Victor Frankl

Faith

(fides bound, dutiful, loyal, steadfast)

- Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing
- Does not rely on logical proof or material evidence

Faith (cont.) (fides bound, dutiful, loyal, steadfast) ■ It may refer to loyalty to a person ■ It can refer to any set of principles or beliefs which give life meaning. Religion (religio bond between man and gods) ■ Organized system of beliefs, practices, rituals, and symbols designed to ♦ Facilitate closeness to the sacred or transcendent and ♦ Foster an understanding of one's relationship and responsibility to others in living together in community **Spirituality ■** The personal quest for understanding answers to ultimate questions about life, about meaning, and about relationship to the sacred or transcendent, which may (or may not) lead to or arise from the development of religious rituals and the formation of community.

Spiritual Assessment: HOPE Questions

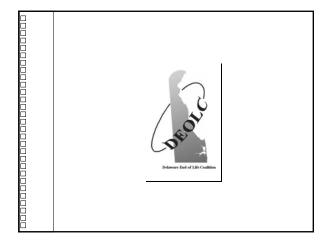
- H Sources of hope, meaning, comfort, strength, peace, love, and compassion
- O Organized religion
- P Personal spiritual practices
- E Effects on present situation and care

Spiritual Assessment FICA Taking a Spiritual History

- F Faith or beliefs
- I Importance and influence
- **C** Community
- A Address

"To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you lived – this is to have succeeded."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson





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Serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Funeral Director's Association

End-of-Life Concerns and the Role of the Funeral Director

- **■** Before the death occurs
- At the time of death
- Following the funeral/disposition



Before the Death Occurs

- Talk to groups (children and adults) about loss and grief
- Talk to groups and individuals about the importance of
 - ◆ Having an updated will and advanced directives
 - ♦ Planning for the disposition
 - ♦ Making advanced funeral plans

At the Time of Death

- Arrange for transfer of decedent from the place of death
- Meet with the family to plan the service details
- Conduct the services according to the family's wishes

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Following the Funeral/Disposition ■ Family care **■** Bereavement programs and services For additional information, please visit our website at www.dohertyfh.com



For upcoming DEOLC events visit our website at www.udel.edu/dsp/DEOLC