

IFAPA TRAINING

for foster, adoptive and kinship parents and workers

Grief and Loss

Throughout our lives we have all experienced physical pain and injury. When we've experienced these injuries we also accept that there is a healing process involved that is normal and necessary in order for us to be able to effectively return to our everyday responsibilities. Not grieving is equivalent to not allowing your body to heal after major physical trauma or injury. Similar to other emotional difficulties in life, though, we tend to minimize the importance of the grieving process and this can result in anger, bitterness, resentment, depression, and anxiety that can negatively impact one's life. The purpose of this workshop is to help participants understand the grieving process and how to help children, adolescents, and adults heal emotionally from loss in a healthy manner.

Workshop Objectives:

- you will become more familiar with various emotional, psychological, and relational difficulties that can lead to feelings of pain and loss.
- you will learn some of the biology behind how emotional difficulties can negatively impact our physical bodies.
- you will gain greater insight and understanding of the grieving process.
- you will understand, learn, and be able to apply the five stages of grief.
- you will learn specific strategies and skills to help you and your children/adolescents to be able to heal from loss in a healthy manner.

Approved for 6 Hours of Foster Parent Credit

About the Trainer:

Dr. Matthew Hiveley

Dr. Matt Hiveley has earned bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Sociology, a master's degree in Counselor Education (agency track), and a Ph.D.



in Human Development & Family Studies, specializing in Couple & Family Therapy. He is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Couple & Family Therapist who has over 12 years of experience working as a therapist/counselor in various settings with children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families.

Dr. Matt Hiveley specializes in the areas of relationships, communication, general parenting, adolescent concerns, foster parent/adoption issues, separation/divorce, grief/loss, self-esteem, anger management, stress management, depression, anxiety, panic, phobias, obsessive-compulsive behaviors, and adult symptoms of Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD).

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