

WORKSHOP EVALUATION SUMMARY

Grief After Suicide: Walking the Journey with Survivors

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	<i>Completed Evaluations</i>	<i>Valid Responses</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
<i>Presenter's level of knowledge and expertise</i>	60	60	0	0	0	4 (7%)	56 (93%)
<i>Ability to communicate key concepts and skills</i>	60	60	0	0	0	8 (13%)	52 (87%)
<i>Responsive to questions</i>	60	59	0	0	0	13 (22%)	46 (78%)
<i>Presenter has increased my knowledge in Suicide Prevention, Suicide Risk, and Suicide Behavior</i>	60	60	0	0	0	9 (15%)	51 (85%)
<i>Organization and flow of information</i>	60	59	0	0	1 (2%)	14 (24%)	44 (75%)
<i>Relevance of this session to your work</i>	60	60	0	0	5 (8%)	16 (27%)	39 (65%)
<i>Overall the training was valuable to me professionally</i>	60	59	0	0	1 (2%)	7 (12%)	51 (86%)

59 valid responses were provided in response to *Would you recommend this training to colleagues?*

- 58 reported (98%) "Yes"
- 1 reported (2%) "No"

Additional, comments, suggestions, or reactions to the workshop?
Thanks so much for the beautiful interactive comments on how different cultures interpret suicide. It really helped my understanding of the grief process.
Very informative and eye opening! Excellent. Thank you.
Enjoyed speaker - very knowledgeable - Thank you. Room was too cold - very uncomfortable for most of day.
Thank you - it was very enlightening and informative.
Excellent speaker. Easy to understand. Videos very realistic/emotional. Medical group vs. Suicidal dying in a short time 2-3 months. Grieving the same?
It is helpful to have concrete treatment suggestions. It would be nice to have a piece about when survivor is child of who suicided.
Wonderful information - engaging/caring facilitator. Thank you for confirming many of my beliefs.
I learned so much personally and professionally. Dr. Jordan was excellent and certainly an expert.
Very gifted and knowledgeable professional - compassionate and empathetic.
I think it would be helpful to not get too distracted with questions. Last part of day was most helpful for day to day practice with clients.

<p>Presenter was excellent re: dealing with this very difficult issue with clients. The video presentation was helpful/relevant in showing the various reactions to suicide and the journey back!</p>
<p>This was very helpful as I am in the field of addictions and work with survivors often. Thanks for the tools!</p>
<p>Good pace, engaging speaker. Gave me some more language for topics/discussion often such as our business being psychological palliative care or the "tyranny of hindsight." Thank you!</p>
<p>Excellent, excellent training. I am smuggling with this both personally and professionally at this moment and I am so grateful for the wealth of knowledge John presented.</p>
<p>Video was very powerful. Would have liked to have seen more on the experiences of the survivors. Statistics were interesting. Overall very good training. Was easy to understand and the trainer was very good.</p>
<p>Some was a review ~ could have dove right into the working with survivors directly vs. the stats. Overall, many gems and enjoyed video of survivors and all the resources!</p>
<p>I enjoyed this presenter. It is clear he is knowledgeable about passionate on this subject matter.</p>
<p>When you refer to this Catholic Church's teaching on burial of suicide you need to add that this has now changed that people who have committed suicide are welcome to be buried in Catholic cemeteries.</p>
<p>I really appreciated your formulation of suicide as a perfect storm of events and the need to tolerate ambiguity. I enjoyed the film. Really enjoyed all the postvention stuff. I would have liked to hear more on this (maybe vignettes from amalgams from your therapy sessions to attach the postvention more to actual case studies).</p>
<p>This was very good - many suicide conferences do not have this component of addressing grief responses. I would love a more clinical focus on the immediate needs of survivors. (I work in the hospital - I see individuals in the immediate moments/days after suicide).</p>
<p>Very good presenter</p>
<p>Move about complicated grief work.</p>
<p>Good training</p>
<p>Changes in suicide stats i.e. returning vets. Many have to deal with grief owing to loss of fellow service members. Survivor guilt and even guilt about their own role in killing people not knowing for certain that they were enemy.</p>
<p>Great video - this helped ground the verbal presentation in real life experience</p>
<p>Dr. Jordan was very engaging clinician who was very knowledgeable and empathetic toward participants and very sensitive topic.</p>
<p>Enjoyed the video with survivors.</p>
<p>Excellent delivery of information! I thoroughly enjoyed this presentation. Supplemental materials such as the pilot study and statistics very well incorporated.</p>
<p>This wasn't topic I was interested in (as much as other topics) - BUT - Dr. Jordan is captivating. Wonderful speaker and teacher. The best seminar I've been to in a long time! He made me actually think!</p>
<p>I would like to see this information for the clergy in all communities.</p>
<p>Superb presenter, very modest</p>
<p>Good Job ☺ This gave me a lot of information on the whole process of suicide.</p>
<p>If possible - a specific list of support groups in this area - perhaps to be emailed to us with info on upcoming conference</p>
<p>Excellent workshop - Informative and Compelling. Thank you!</p>
<p>Very informative! Audience would have benefitted from using a microphone</p>

Could you please email copy of the PowerPoint roles to workshop participants. More case examples.

I am an ER social worker and deal with death and suicide on a weekly basis. This training has given me a great perspective on the "big picture" and life-long process of grief.

Thank you. Very informative. Horrible chairs!

For this topic I had not idea how broad this subject is. I really appreciated your honesty. It opens you area of expertise. What you know and still need to know. Thank you for a very interesting/informative training!

Knowledge base and presentation were impressive. I find specific examples the most helpful - videos were excellent. Specific examples were applicable to material presented.

I liked the video, good pacing for breaks and lunch. Although there was plenty of time for questions, it would be great to have more interaction, perhaps group exercises or reflections and sharing.

This was a powerful workshop. This is first time I learn @ this side of suicide. I was in tears @ times particularly watching the video. This workshop was terrific - I wish people did not leave the room as much as they did - it was very distracting!! P.S. - I know you have no control over grown-ups behavior.

You're a great instructor! Very informative and knowledgeable about suicide. Thank you for your time.

Location was excellent, coffee/breakfast and lunch included in the training/workshop. I would attend workshops here as often as they have them. Jack was very informative and I would definitely go to another workshop he would give.

One of the better training I've been to. An interesting and well presentation on a much needed/little addressed topic. Great job!!

Benzos can act as some destructive affect on alcohol and potential rich - ? Postvention - some schools see liability and management of assets as key domain to response rather than neglect and overall response

Maybe too much to ask given the wonderful coverage of the day - but I would be interested in links between suicide survivors and depression and other mood +/- personality disorders which may get triggered alongside the compassion model. The impact of having lined with the pre-suicide situation for perhaps many years! An excellent day. Thank you!
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Absolutely one of the best presenters ever!! Interesting, informative. Fielded question from audience while covering the material in handouts.

I enjoyed the manner of Dr. Jordan - sensitive, compassionate knowledgeable. At times there was too much explanation.

I gained an appreciation for the fact that every survivors experience of grief as different and to be patient and empathetic towards each person's experience.

As an overview, the presentation was good. In the future my suggestion - your audience are an opportunity to network. Suggest it - recommend it and facilitate the benefit to all - debriefing has evolved in the research.

This video was very important to drive home your information and show us your interview skills.

Needs to be warmed! Excellent presentation. I would suggest tightening the afternoon presentation since the last hour dragged.