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Presents Its Winter Workshop for Clinical
Social Workers

**THEMES OF DEATH IN
PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH
ADOLESCENTS**

Clay Sankey, MSW, LICSW, BCD

Friday February 24, 2012

8:30 am – Registration & Breakfast
9:00 am to 12:30 pm – Program

3.5 CEUs

Mayflower Church
106 East Diamond Lake Road
("54th Street" at 35W)
Minneapolis, MN 55419

THEMES OF DEATH IN PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH ADOLESCENTS

Themes of death and mortality are always elements of psychotherapy, and with adolescents these themes are suppressed and defended because of the teen's developmental drive to be complete and powerful as they move from childhood security to adulthood. Unless asked directly, teens and their families may not bring up deaths in the family or peer group. Therapists, perhaps having their own issues in this area, may veer away from such content.

In this workshop we will briefly explore and integrate themes of death and mortality from psychological, social, evolutionary and biological perspectives. Morbid content as it characteristically arises in the day to day practice of psychotherapy will be considered. We will explore questions like *who died*, *who is dying*, *who may die* and what it means to the patient, how the family copes with it and how the psychotherapist deals with it. Occurrences such as war, murder, self abuse, morbid body art, morbid toys and celebrations will be discussed. We will examine how these themes can transform, distort or obstruct the course of therapy. The impact of interventions such as hospitalization will be considered. Case material will be used to support the discussion.

Workshop Goal:

To heighten our awareness of this material, in order to enrich the psychotherapy and manage counter transference based obstacles. We will discuss comfortable, even playful ways to approach this material and make it generative for our adolescent clients.

Workshop Objectives:

1. To develop a broader and more integrated sense of death and mortality as it is experienced by teens and as it surfaces in their psychotherapy.
2. To increase the therapist's comfort with morbid psychotherapeutic content.
3. To gain new tools to access and develop difficult themes in therapy with adolescents.

The Presenter:

Clayton Sankey, MSW, LICSW, BCD and MSCSW Fellow received his BA from the University of Minnesota (1969) and his MSW (1975) from Western Michigan University. He began his career in 1969 as a parole officer for the State of Minnesota and worked in several correctional, residential treatment and mental health settings. During his 19 years at River City Mental Health Clinic, he served as field faculty for the UST-CSC and U of M schools of social work and supervised several students through their clinical field placements. Since 2004 he has maintained a solo practice in North Saint Paul specializing in the treatment of adolescents.

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