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When Therapists Lose Someone to Suicide WITH GINA FITZMARTIN MEd, CAC, LPC and Mick Landaiche, PhD, LPC Friday, April 4, 2014 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm 2017 Cathedral of Learning – University of Pittsburgh

This experiential workshop will focus on the therapist's experience of losing someone to suicide-whether the loss is one's own client, the client of a colleague in one's clinic or agency, or someone close in personal life. This experience of loss is not often talked about, in fact often difficult to talk about. In this workshop, we will provide a safe place to explore what happens to us and to our work when we lose someone to suicide, as well as the ongoing supports we each might need.

Upon completion of this workshop participants will be able to:

- Describe the cycle of experience common to many who have lost someone to suicide.
- Identify the differences and similarities in grieving a suicide compared to grieving other deaths.
- Discuss the impact on clinicians and their work after losing someone to suicide.
- Recognize the needs of clinicians as they come to terms with this particular loss.

FACULTY: *Gina Fitzmartin M.Ed. CAC,LPC*, is a Licensed Professional Therapist and Certified Addictions Counselor. She has been working as a psychotherapist for over 29 years. Currently Gina maintains a private practice in the Squirrel Hill area of Pittsburgh, PA. Ms. Fitzmartin completed training from the Gestalt Institute of New England, the post-graduate Physical Process program from the Cleveland Gestalt Institute, the advanced physical process program as well as a Gestalt supervision group. Gina specializes in eating disorders, addictions and abuse issues. She works with individuals, couples, groups and works with adults, pre-adolescents and adolescents. In addition, Gina supervises professionals in this field and provides professional trainings in her specialties. And in recent years has been working with the therapeutic issues of suicide and the effects on therapists and family members.

Mick Landaiche, PhD, LPC is a psychotherapist and training supervisor for the student counseling center at Carnegie Mellon University, and a faculty member teaching Bowen family systems theory for the Western Pennsylvania Family Center.

 Date: Friday, April 4, 2014
 Time: 9:00 AM -4:00 PM

 Fee: \$115
 CE: 6 hours (LSW/LCSW, LPC, LMFT, NBCC, Psych)

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