



Nancy Weil

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BS Business, Management and Economics Empire State College

National speaker on therapeutic laughter, stress reduction and grief

- Travel throughout the country giving presentations
- Provide CEU trainings to funeral service and healthcare professionals
- Train funeral directors, cemetarians, social workers, nurses, pastoral care staff and students about grief and preventing compassion fatigue

Director of Bereavement Support for OGR Member Funeral Homes 2018- Present

- Facilitate virtual grief support group on Zoom
- Provide grief related resources to OGR member funeral homes
- Offer professionally videotaped grief presentations for funeral home websites
- 2023 ISAE Star Award of Excellence winning program

Director of Bereavement Support for seven cemeteries in the Buffalo, NY area 2006 – 2016

Director of Bereavement Support for Veterans Funeral Care 2016 - 2018

- Facilitate grief support groups
- Present to area grief support groups and other organizations on various grief related topics
- Train grief support leaders on how to work with the bereaved
- Create, update and distribute database of all area grief support programs

Director of Community Outreach and Marketing – Buffalo, NY and Veterans Funeral Care

- Develop programs that will gain media attention
- Promote events through all media outlets
- Offer presentations in the community to raise awareness of the company
- Create marketing materials with graphic designer
- Connect with clients served and community members

Certified Grief Services Provider, Certified Grief Management Specialist

- Received certifications through American Grief Academy
- In-Residence training held in Seattle, WA – attended three trainings on-site
- Completed coursework and final project over the course of a year
- Maintained yearly re-certification by providing evidence of a minimum of four hours of continued learning and facilitation of grief related programming

Certified Funeral Celebrant

- Received certification through InSight Celebrant Training
- 17 hours of on-site training
- Write and officiate at funeral services regularly
- Write and officiate at community remembrance services

Certified Laughter Leader- Expert Level

- Received certification through World Laughter Tour
- 12 hours of In-Residence training held in Columbus, OH
- Curriculum is approved for continuing education credit for social workers and nurses
- Received Expert level certification through participation in advanced workshops, including teaching programs at workshops
- Conducted only laughter club held at a cemetery anywhere

Regular columnist for Nomis Publications Funeral Home & Cemetery News

- Write a monthly column for the past 15 years covering trends in the funeral industry, grief related topics, stress in the workplace and other relevant topics for those working in the death care field

Occasional columnist for ICCFA (International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association) and Grief Digest Magazine

Conducted a research project with a local professor into the ways humor is used to help people cope when grieving titled: Humorous Communication During Bereavement: Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Emotion Management Strategies

Created a DVD and CD to help people who are grieving called: Bandages for Your Heart.

Author of a CareNote: Using Humor to Overcome Grief

Author of booklet: A Brief Exploration of Grief

Author of a book: If Stress Doesn't Kill You, Your Family Might

Contributing author in: Thin Threads: Mentors and Teachers

Contributing author in: Remembering Our Parents

Contributing author in: Mourning has Broken

Have been on many local TV and national radio programs speaking about humor and grief