

ADDRESSING FAMILY AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS OF TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS FOR HELPING PROFESSIONALS



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines how to navigate and work with families and support systems of transgender individuals. Family and loved ones are often unsure how to support individuals during their transgender journey and transition. Understanding how to work with family member's own transition period alongside the transgender individual is critical in providing inclusive and safe services that benefit the whole system. Participants will acquire a better understanding of how to work with transgender individuals' family and support systems while becoming an inclusive and safe provider by utilizing a combination of interactive dialogue, focused discussion, applied-practice exercises and small group work.

- Increase understanding of common experiences of family members of transgender individuals, such as grief, internalization, and confusion
- Examine how personal values, community and political involvement is manifested when a loved one comes out
- Identify responsive family support and interventions for families who have a transgender family member

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This workshop can be certified by NASW Wisconsin Chapter and satisfies Continuing Education requirements set by State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services. Participants practicing as licensed Counselors, Social Workers and Therapists will receive 4 Continuing Education Hours (CEUs) or .4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) upon completion of the course.