



Working with Loss and Trauma Related to Past and Forced Adoption Practices

A 2-Day Training for Counsellors, Psychologists & Mental Health Practitioners

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Separation from a child or mother and family through adoption has lifelong consequences which have frequently been ignored or dismissed by professionals in the past. Despite official government apologies, there is still a lack of awareness and understanding in most services.

It is essential for mental health practitioners and workers in community services to be able to provide sensitive, trauma-informed support to individuals affected and make referrals to specialist services when required. This training provides an overview of the context, impacts, and how to provide appropriate care.

Day One	Day Two
Supporting individuals affected by past and forced adoption practices.	Counselling individuals experiencing separation and loss through past adoption practices.
Designed for: A broad range of professionals in the health and community sector such as GP's, nurses, drug and alcohol workers, community support workers, case managers and counsellors who may come into contact with individuals experiencing separation and loss as a result of past and forced adoption practices.	Designed for: Counsellors, psychotherapists, social workers and psychologists who may work with individuals affected by past and forced adoption practices and who are registered with a recognised professional association and undertake regular supervision and professional development.
Learning Outcomes <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recognise the context and impact of past adoption practices.2. Engage empathically with individuals affected.3. Identify the effects, loss and possible expressions of grief and trauma.4. Provide referrals and resources to individuals for support.	Learning Outcomes <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify personal and systemic issues related to the complexities of adoption and the effects of grief and trauma.2. Draw on a range of counselling and therapeutic approaches to support adaptive recovery.3. Work with three unique areas of adoption complexity: the 'late discovery' of adoption status, the re-emergence of trauma and grief responses during search and contact, and the phenomenon of genetic sexual attraction.
<i>*Day One is a pre-requisite for Day Two</i>	

“Thank you from myself and future and present clients”

“Incredibly enlightening. Learned so much, feel so much better informed”

When: Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November 2023

Where: ANMF, Carson Conference Centre, 535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

Cost: Day One Only \$245

Day One and Two \$520 (early bird rate \$490, ends 22 September)

A subsidised rate of \$380 is available for counsellors eligible for the VANISH Counsellor Register who can participate in our brokerage scheme (max 10 spots).

All prices include GST.

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