

SOUL INJURY

Few people have been with 10,000 dying veterans. Five VA hospice nurses have. What these nurses witnessed is providing lessons for the rest of the world. The lessons are about how to attain personal peace, and ironically, these lessons have come from people who were trained for war and from people who were dying. The nurses discovered a phenomenon that has is now identified as “Soul Injury.”

This 8hr-program will be broken into four distinct modules:

- Soul Injury: A Wound to Your Sense of BEing
- Liberating Un-mourned Loss and Hurt
- Fear of Helplessness and Loss of Control
- Dare to Forgive!

Who should attend? Child protection advocates, mental health providers, victim advocates, educators, domestic violence staff, child-care workers, social workers, first responders, nurses, nursing students and other medical professionals.

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8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Community Hospice and Palliative Care
3870 NW 83rd St.
Gainesville, Florida, 32606

****NO COST****

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Instructor, Deborah Grassman, Nurse Practitioner

Led by Deborah Grassman, the five nurses left the VA to start Opus Peace, a non-profit organization with a mission of taking the Soul Injury® message to people who are not veterans and to people who are not dying. These pioneering nurses now provide educational materials and self-help tools to help people learn how to self-compassionately connect with the part of self-holding their pain and shame, allowing people to re-connect with their soul – with who they really are. A Nurse Practitioner, Deborah Grassman is the author of two books, *Peace at Last* and *The Hero Within*. She is a contributing author for four textbooks, has 25 published articles, and there are five documentary films featuring her work. Deborah directs the Opus Peace Institute where leaders are trained in how to provide programs that respond to Soul Injuries because, she contends, that 10,000 dying veterans have lessons the rest of us need to learn!

Instructor, Angela Snyder, RN, MSN, MHA, CHPN

Angie Snyder is a hospice and palliative care nurse who has worked in the hospice industry for more than 24 years. Angie is the Executive Director of Opus Peace, a non-profit based in St. Petersburg, Florida. She has a passion for end-of-life care and a passion for spreading awareness about Soul Injury and helping individuals find more inner peace. She has provided workshops and lectured to both professional and lay audiences on the topics of Soul Injury, Caregiver Well-Being, Forgiveness, Wholistic Tools, Loss and other related topics. Angie has also provided Caregiver ceremonies and Fallen Comrade Ceremonies in her own community and with other organizations.

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For more information about Opus Peace, go to: www.OpusPeace.org

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