

Biography: John R. Jordan, Ph.D., FT



John (Jack) Jordan is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Wellesley, MA, and Pawtucket, RI, where he specializes in working with loss and bereavement. He was also the Founder and the Director until 2007 of the Family Loss Project, a research and clinical practice providing services for bereaved families. He has specialized in work with survivors of suicide and other losses for more than 30 years. As a Fellow in Thanatology from the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC), Jack maintains an active practice in grief counseling for individuals and couples. He has run support groups for bereaved parents, young widows & widowers, and suicide survivors, with the latter running for over 13 years.

Jack is the Clinical Consultant for Grief Support Services of the Samaritans in Boston, where he is helping to develop innovative outreach and support programs for suicide survivors. Jack is also the Professional Advisor to the Survivor Council of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), and a former Board member of AFSP (New England Affiliate) and ADEC. In 2006 Jack was invited to become a member of the International Workgroup on Death, Dying, and Bereavement, and was the recipient of the ADEC 2006 Research Recognition Award. Jack has been involved in several research projects on the needs of people grieving after a suicide, and in 2004 received research funding from AFSP.

Jack has provided training nationally and internationally for therapists, healthcare professionals, and clergy through PESI Healthcare/CMI Education, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and as an independent speaker. He has also helped to organize and lead many healing workshops for suicide survivors. Jack has published clinical and research articles in the areas of bereavement after suicide, support group models, the integration of research and practice in thanatology, and loss in family and larger social systems. He has published in professional journals such as *Omega*, *Death Studies*, *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, *Psychiatric Annals*, *Crisis*, *Grief Matters*, and *Family Process*. He is the co-author, with Bob Baugher, of *After Suicide Loss: Coping with Your Grief*, a book on suicide bereavement for surviving friends and family. He is the co-editor, with John McIntosh, of the forthcoming book *Grief After Suicide: Coping with the Consequences and Caring for the Survivors* (Routledge), a professional book on the impact of suicide and interventions to help suicide survivors.