

ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE

BREAKOUT SESSION

Family Crisis in the Church

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Substance use impacts not just an individual but all those that are connected to that individual.

- Understand the impact of substance abuse on families and common patterns that emerge.
- Learn how faith communities can constructively support families who struggle with Substance Abuse and work preventively to mitigate risk in your community.
- Realize the core competencies for Clergy and other faith leaders in addressing alcohol and drug dependence and the impact on families.



Emilee works with individuals, couples, and families who need support navigating life's transitions as well as those who desire healthier relationships. She has experience with adoption, 2nd marriages, parenting after divorce, parenting kids with disabilities, and parenting exceptional kids. Emilee uses a family systems focus to understand what is causing stress and anxiety in families and relationships. Emilee is passionate about attachment work, mindfulness, and how they impact not only client's relationships but also the therapeutic relationship as well.



Michael has been in private practice since 1997, working with couples, families and children his entire career. He specializes in helping individuals and families out of stressful and challenging dynamics, such as divorce, trauma and substance use disorder. He has extensive experience in organizing and facilitating interventions, working as a chemical health social worker and has previous experience as coordinator of Hopkins School District's Drug Free Community Coalition. He and his team currently work with families who have a family member in treatment.