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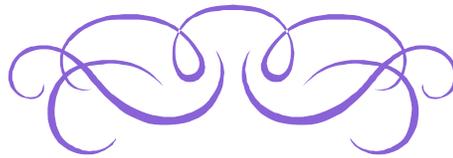
Friday, May 14, 2004

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
Seminar 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

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Michele Weiner-Davis

Michele Weiner-Davis, MSW is an internationally renowned relationship expert, best-selling author, psychotherapist, and marriage educator specializing in a down-to-earth, solution-oriented approach that helps people change their lives and improve important relationships. Among the first in her field to courageously speak out about the pitfalls of unnecessary divorce, Michele has been active in spearheading the now popular movement urging couples to make their marriages work and keep their families together. She is the author of six books including her best-selling book, *DIVORCE BUSTING: A Step-by-Step Approach to Making Your Marriage Loving Again* (Simon & Schuster), *THE DIVORCE REMEDY: The Proven 7-Step Program for Saving Your Marriage* (Simon & Schuster), and *THE SEX-STARVED MARRIAGE: A Couple's Guide to Boosting Their Marriage Libido* (Simon & Schuster). She is co-author of *IN SEARCH OF SOLUTIONS: A New Direction in Psychotherapy* (W.W. Norton).

Michele is the Director of The Divorce Busting Center in Woodstock, Illinois. In addition to her private practice, Michele is a highly acclaimed teacher and trainer, known for her clear, informative, energetic and entertaining seminars for mental health professionals and couples. She consistently ranks among top presenters at national conferences. Her extremely busy website, www.divorcebusting.com attracts thousands of visitors each day.

Michele's work has been featured in major newspapers such as the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Wall Street Journal, and magazines such as Time, Redbook, Ladies Home Journal, Essence, Cosmopolitan, Glamour, Woman's Day, Men's Health, New Woman, and McCall's. She has made countless media appearances on shows such as 48 Hours, CBS This Morning, CBS Evening News, The Today Show, Donahue, CNN, and Oprah. Michele's one-hour television special, *Keeping Love Alive®* aired on public broadcasting stations nationwide. Michele was the recipient of The American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy's prestigious Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Marriage and Family Therapy Award at their national conference in October 2001; and she received the Smart Marriages Impact Award at their international conference in July 2003.

Attend this Divorce Busting® Workshop and learn how to:

- ◆ Use techniques that build desire to reconcile
- ◆ Be aware of common techniques that polarize couples
- ◆ Reduce client resistance and increase cooperation
- ◆ Effect positive change within the first session
- ◆ Be clear about your own core beliefs and values about marriage
- ◆ Go beyond neutral, non-directive therapy
- ◆ Avoid working harder than your client
- ◆ Maximize the benefits of doing couples' therapy with individuals

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Couples seek therapy for assistance in making the most important decision of their lives - whether or not to divorce. Given the current research on the benefits of staying married and keeping families together, it behooves therapists and counselors to be skilled in techniques that can bring together two distant and warring spouses before choosing divorce as a viable option. This can be incredibly challenging, particularly when one spouse has lost interest in working on the marriage. However, there is much that can be done to stack the deck in the favor of the marriage, even in these "last ditch" marriages.

This workshop offers practical strategies for helping couples move beyond blame, infidelity, a lack of forgiveness, ambivalence, and self-righteousness. It draws on Solution-Oriented Brief Therapy, a strength-based model, as well as cutting-edge research on marriage education, which is aimed at teaching couples concrete relationship skills. Additionally, since even the most effective techniques in the world can't break through walls of resistance when people's hearts are closed, Michele Wiener-Davis will offer attendees effective tools for doing "open heart surgery." After years of specializing in work with "couples on the edge," Michele has learned how to reach inside the hearts of even the most distant spouse and motivate him or her to give the marriage another try.

Michele Weiner-Davis' workshops and keynote addresses are often the most highly rated at major conferences because of her excellent use of videotapes and her clear, energetic, engaging, and humorous teaching style.

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Conference Agenda

Provides 6 continuing education credits.

- 8:00 – 8:45 Registration/ Coffee
- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome
- 9:00 – 12:00 Morning Session
 - Examining Core Beliefs About Marriage and Marriage Therapy
 - Why Marriages Work, Why They Don't
 - ◆ What the research tells us about successful and unsuccessful marriages
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 - Divorce Busting® Do's and Don'ts
 - ◆ Techniques that build desire to reconcile
 - ◆ Commonly used techniques that polarize couples
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch provided
- 1:00 – 4:00 Afternoon Session
 - The Divorce Busting® Map
 - ◆ A step-by-step map to help clients improve their marriages
 - It Takes One to Tango
 - A Seven-Step Program for Working with Individuals
 - ◆ The benefits of doing couples' therapy with individuals
 - ◆ Helping individuals become their own relationship experts
 - ◆ Video demonstrations
- 4:00 – 4:15 Closing Remarks

HPA Spring Conference - Michele Weiner-Davis, MSW
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