



PEACE - Munch and Learn Series 2025

Promoting Engagement, Aloha, & Compassion in the Everyday Care of People Facing Serious Illness



The Power of our Language: Linking Word Choice to Inequity & Outcomes

December 17, 2025
12:00 to 1:00 pm



Words and phrases significantly impact patient and family experiences, decisional outcomes, inequities, bereavement and legacy. Social workers, as experts and leaders in communication, can model and educate as they attend to their own language in speaking and documentation, and invite colleagues to join them in mitigating the unintended consequences of ineffective and harmful word choice.

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Anne Kelemen, LICSW, APHSW-C, has spent over 16 years working in hospice and palliative care before opening her private practice in Washington, DC. Her somatic practice specializes in working with people with trauma and those who have an acute, chronic, or serious illness. Her practice also focuses on healthcare professionals and caregivers. Anne completed the Somatic Experiencing Training Program, a three-year trauma training program that helps with mind-body connection and nervous system stabilization.



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