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JFS PRESENTS A COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM ON "COMPASSION FATIGUE"

Milwaukee, WI - Jewish Family Services (JFS), along with The Charles E. Kubly Foundation and Medical College of Wisconsin - Violence Prevention Initiative, presents a conference on Compassion Fatigue, featuring keynote speaker Mary Jo Barrett, MSW. The program will be held on Thursday, April 16, from 8:00am-Noon at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago Street in Milwaukee. Admission is \$10, and continuing education credits are available for an additional fee.

Many individuals become helping professionals because they want to make a difference. However, sometimes those in helping professions, such as health care, social work and psychology, can become so focused on assisting others to the detriment of themselves.

Mary Jo Barrett of the Center for Contextual Change in Chicago will discuss how helping professionals can cope with their own compassion fatigue. She will also address agency administrators, as they seek to recognize and prevent compassion fatigue in their own organizations. The goal of the conference is to create employee-employer dialogue to keep our helping professionals healthy...so they stay in the profession longer, are successful in their chosen career path, and the concern of compassion fatigue does not become a deterrent to those seeking careers in helping professions.

To reserve a seat for this conference, please contact 414-225-1372 or email RSVP@jfsmilw.org by Thursday, April 9. For more information, please visit our website at www.jfsmilw.org. This educational program is offered in memory of Hirsh J. Larkey (z'l).

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