## Take-aways from the Broken Ties meeting with DR. Sue Cornbluth August 5, 2019

- It's all about validation, acceptance, and acknowledgment
- You have to feel like a survivor to survive
- The narcissist will never give empathy, but they'll suck it up
- The narcissist always needs to be right
- The worst thing you can do to a narcissist is attack his ego
- It's evil, it's abuse, it's a cult
- A kiss is control
- Any gesture from your child should be recognized as courageous as they are controlled by the narcissist
- The children deserve our sympathies for their struggles
- The narcissist does not deserve our sympathies
- They (the narcissist) know exactly what they are doing
- You have to be proactive
- Small stuff gets exaggerated
- If you promise something make sure to do it
- To get through to your grandchildren you need their parents
- Don't discipline until some attachment is formed ...... and the big one - you've got to let yourself down to get into their lives (hopefully, it will be temporary).

THANK YOU TO THE GROUP MEMBERS FOR SHARING THEIR NOTES.