

SPECIFIC CLINICAL ISSUES

This final section of the text introduces three particular client populations in which specific issues emerge in couple therapy practice. Although the couple therapy practice model may be useful in working with these traumatized couples and families, specific characteristics of the populations warrant a focused examination.

In Chapter 12, *Military Couples and Families*, we summarize issues related to working with traumatized couples who are connected with the armed services, including active duty soldiers, reservists, veterans, civilians in the military, and their families.

In Chapter 13, *Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered Couples and Families*, we discuss how homophobia and heterosexism permeate society, thus affecting clinical practice with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered couples and their families. Connections between the legacies of childhood trauma and issues of sexuality, parenting, fertility, and pregnancy are illustrated in clinical case vignettes.

In the final chapter of the book, *Immigrant and Refugee Couples and Families*, we discuss the specific experiences of individuals who have emigrated to the United States and Canada. We demonstrate how issues of loss permeate the immigrant and refugee population. In addition, we note the importance of challenging Eurocentric views of mental health in efforts to practice in a culturally sensitive manner. Clinical case examples illustrate the application of the couple therapy practice model.

