



# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF FORENSIC STUDIES (AIAFS) *presents*

## Forensic Assessment and Interviewing of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

**Presenters:** Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., M.A., M.S., M.S., M.S. & Scott A. Fischer, Ph.D., ABPP, LP

**Date:** Friday, October 28, 2022    **Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST)    **Cost:** 69.00    **3.0 CEUs**

### Training Description

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by social-emotional challenges, communication deficits, and repetitive and fixated behaviors. In some instances, persons on the autism spectrum become involved in the criminal justice and legal systems. When persons with ASD do become involved in these settings, they may be seen for assessment in criminal court for evaluations of competence to stand trial and criminal responsibility. When this occurs, they may present challenges to forensic evaluators for several reasons, including communication deficits impacting the interview, the impact of executive functioning deficits on competence to stand trial, and the interface between social deficits and understanding of wrongfulness. Some people with ASD may also be seen for psychosexual evaluations which are complicated by the impact of ASD-related deficits on treatment options, and the application of standard risk assessment measures in assessing risk for people with ASD. As such, it is imperative for professionals who work in these settings to understand the complexities of interviewing and assessing persons with suspected or confirmed autism. Designed for professionals working in criminal justice, forensic mental health, and legal settings, this training will examine best practices in forensic assessment and interviewing of persons on the autism spectrum. Other topics discussed in this training include abstract reasoning deficits, adaptive functioning, adverse life experiences, alexithymia, anger, violence, and aggression, behavioral rigidity, catastrophizing, choice-making deficits, crisis behaviors, digestive health issues, elopement, empathy, executive dysfunction, facial recognition deficits, gullibility, hyper-arousal problems, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis dysregulation, information processing deficits, internalizing and externalizing behavioral problems, language and communication challenges, memory, rumination, self-injurious behaviors, sleep-related disturbances, sensory processing issues, social cognition, stalking behaviors, suggestibility, theory of mind, vulnerability and victimization, and weak central coherence among others. Empirically based research findings and case study examples will be highlighted throughout this training.

### Training Objectives:

1. Define autism and develop a working knowledge of its signs and symptoms and red flag indicators.
2. Learn why it is often challenging for persons on the autism spectrum to navigate through the various stages of the criminal justice and legal systems.
3. Learn about best practices in forensic assessment and interviewing of persons on the autism spectrum.
4. Learn about common challenges professionals face when interviewing and assessing persons on the autism spectrum in psycholegal settings.
5. Acquire an understanding of the existing empirical research on autism and forensic assessment.

### Presenter Biographies

**Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., M.A., M.S., M.S., M.S.**, is a professor, trainer, researcher, and consultant with multiple years of experience teaching collegiate courses. Jerrod has also been employed with Pathways Counseling Center, Inc. in St. Paul, Minnesota for the past eighteen years. Pathways provides programs and services benefitting individuals impacted by mental illness and addictions. Jerrod is also the founder and CEO of the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS). Jerrod has also provided consultation services to a number of caregivers, professionals, and organizations pertaining to topics related to autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), confabulation, suggestibility, trauma and other life adversities, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and youth firesetting. Jerrod has completed four separate master's degree programs and holds graduate certificates in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Other Health Disabilities (OHD), and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). Jerrod has published several articles and book chapters and is regularly featured on several national and international.

**Scott A. Fischer, Ph.D., ABPP, LP** is a licensed psychologist in St. Paul. The bulk of his practice is psychological assessment, primarily forensic evaluations. Specific areas of practice include criminal, family, and juvenile court. Dr. Fischer also provides consultation to attorneys and mental health providers. He is the past chair of the Minnesota Board of Psychology and the Minnesota Psychological Association Ethics Committee. He is a current member of the American psychological Ethics Committee and the Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards.

<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>This event is a 3-hour virtual, live stream training event with participants joining via Zoom.</b>
<b>COST:</b>	<b>\$69.00 (Individual Rate)</b>
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	<b>Online at <a href="https://www.aiafs.com/trainings.asp">https://www.aiafs.com/trainings.asp</a> or use the attached registration form</b> <b><i>For additional info, contact Darian @ 612-250-5432 - or - Email: <a href="mailto:aiafassoc@gmail.com">aiafassoc@gmail.com</a></i></b>

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### Training Schedule:

9:00 am: Introductions  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm CST: Training Presentation – Handouts Provided  
12:00 pm: Adjourn

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