Interviewing Persons with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Psycholegal Settings

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This is a 3.0-hour On-Demand training

Training Description

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) is a lifelong neurodevelopment disorder caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol. This spectrum of disorders is characterized by deficits in cognitive (e.g., inhibition, information processing, and memory) and adaptive functioning (e.g., communication skills, problem-solving, and decision-making). These symptoms place individuals with FASD at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system. Once involved, individuals with FASD usually struggle to make legal decisions, participates in their legal defense, and conform to conditions of incarceration or community supervision. Designed for professionals (particularly interviewers) working in clinical, criminal justice, and legal settings, this training broadens awareness of FASD and identifies practices and techniques designed to improve the accuracy of information garnered during interviews. Other topics discussed in this training include executive dysfunction, auditory processing deficits, alexithymia, theory of mind (ToM), sluggish cognitive tempo, comprehension deficits, sleep disturbances and fatigue, information processing deficits, choice-making deficits, abstract reasoning deficits, memory confusion, self-regulation deficits, and sensory processing limitations to name a few. Empirically based research findings and case study examples will be highlighted throughout this training.

Training Objectives

1. Identify primary deficits and secondary consequences associated with FASD
2. Review common co-occurring conditions (e.g., depression, substance use, and self-injurious behaviors) among individuals with FASD
3. Explore how the symptoms of FASD complicate legal processes including clinical, forensic, and law enforcement interviews and testimony
4. Learn to discern and distinguish other relevant terms including confabulation, suggestibility, and gullibility
5. Review empirically-based research findings and real-world case studies throughout the training

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 podcast programs.

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