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Forensic Assessment and Interviewing of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Presenters: Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., M.A., M.S., M.S., M.S. and Megan N. Carter, PsyD, ABPP

Date: Friday, April 14th 2023 Time 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST) Cost: 69.00 3.0 CEUs

Training Description

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a life-long neurodevelopmental disorder caused by prenatal alcohol exposure. Research has found that significantly higher percentages of persons with FASD become involved in the criminal justice and forensic mental health systems compared to the general population. When persons with FASD do become involved in these settings, they are typically at a significant disadvantage due to the impairments caused by prenatal alcohol exposure as well as the lack of knowledge of FASD by professionals assisting them. 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 FASD. Designed for professionals working in criminal justice, forensic mental health, and legal settings, this training will examine best practices in forensic assessment and interviewing persons with FASD. Specifically, a brief overview of forensic assessment to determine the presence of an FASD will be reviewed including the use of information from neuropsychological testing, brain imaging, and assessment of adaptive functioning. Additionally, FASD deficits will be reviewed, particularly those that may provide information to professionals in the legal system. Topics discussed in this training will include abstract reasoning deficits, adaptive functioning patterns, adverse life experiences, alexithymia, anger, violence, and aggression, choice-making deficits, cognitive inflexibility, crisis behaviors, empathy deficits, executive dysfunction, gullibility, hyper-arousal problems, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis dysregulation, information processing deficits, internalizing and externalizing behavioral problems, language and communication challenges, memory, rumination, sleep-related disturbances, sensory processing issues, social cognition, suggestibility, theory of mind, and vulnerability and victimization among others. A brief review of co-morbid disorders will also be discussed as important to the assessment and interview process. Empirically based research findings and case study examples will be highlighted throughout this training.

Training Objectives:

- Define FASD and develop a working knowledge of its signs and symptoms and “red flag” indicators.
- Learn the importance of identifying persons with FASD and why it is often challenging for persons with FASD to navigate the various stages of the criminal justice and legal systems.
- Learn about best practices in forensic assessment and interviewing of persons with FASD and the inclusion of collateral sources of information.
- Learn about common challenges professionals face when interviewing and assessing persons with FASD in psycholegal settings.
- Acquire an understanding of the existing empirical research on FASD and forensic assessment and interviewing.

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 platforms.

Megan N. Carter, PsyD, ABPP graduated with her master’s degree in applied social psychology from Portland State University before completing another master’s degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology, with an emphasis on forensics, at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. In 2014, Dr. Carter became board certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) in forensic psychology, and in 2018 she received the designation of Fellow from the Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). She worked as a forensic evaluator, completing annual review evaluations of sexually violent predators, at the Special Commitment Center (SCC), Washington’s sexually violent predator facility from 2008 to 2022. Over the last few years, she has focused on forensic assessment of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

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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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