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Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Stalking: Causes, Consequences, Intervention, and Threat Assessment Considerations

Presenters: Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., MA, MS, MS, MS, and Kostas Katsavdakis, Ph.D., ABPP

Date: Friday, October 14th, 2022 **Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST) **3.0 CEUs**

Training Description

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is one of the most common developmental disorders in the United States. Symptoms typically include fixation, repetitive behaviors, and deficits in social skills (e.g., verbal and non-verbal communication). Consistent with the classification of this as a spectrum disorder, the symptoms can vary widely in their presence and severity across individuals. Not only do these symptoms affect an individual's ability to adapt and function across a variety of settings, but can also increase the risk of challenging, confusing, and problematic behaviors. In some cases, these symptoms may contribute to some persons diagnosed with autism engaging in stalking behaviors. This training is designed for professionals interested in learning about the causes, consequences, and interventions associated with stalking behaviors among individuals diagnosed with autism. A special emphasis of this training will be placed on threat assessment considerations. Related topics discussed during this training will include adverse life experiences, cyberstalking, empathy deficits, executive dysfunction, inappropriate courtship behaviors, intimacy deficits, intimate partner stalking (IPS), obsessional interests, perseveration, social and communication impairment, social naiveté, theory of mind (ToM), and weak central coherence to name a few. Empirically based research findings and case study examples will be highlighted throughout this training.

Training Objectives

1. Develop a working understanding of autism spectrum disorder
2. Define stalking and its related subtypes
3. Explore variables that contribute to stalking behaviors among some persons diagnosed with ASD
4. Review existing empirically-based literature examining the role autism-related deficits play in stalking behavior cases
5. Identify and operationalize relevant warning behaviors for a Threat Assessment
6. Briefly distinguish between the key elements of threat and risk assessment with persons diagnosed with ASD
7. Review effective strategies for screening, intervention, treatment, and threat assessment in cases involving stalking behaviors among persons diagnosed with ASD

Presenter Biographies

Jerrod Brown, PhD, is a professor, trainer, researcher, and consultant with multiple years of experience teaching collegiate courses. He is also the founder and CEO of the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies and the Editor-in-Chief of Forensic Scholars Today. Jerrod has also provided consultation services to a number of caregivers, professionals, and organizations on topics related to Autism Spectrum Disorder, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, confabulation, suggestibility, trauma, and other life adversities, traumatic brain injury, and youth firesetting. He has completed four separate master's degree programs and holds graduate certificates in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Other Health Disabilities, and Traumatic-Brain Injuries. In 2021, Jerrod completed a post-doctoral certificate in Leadership and Organizational Strategy from Walden University and a Professional Certificate in Forensic Psychology from San Diego State University Global Campus. Currently, He is pursuing a graduate certificate in Neuropsychology from Ball State University with an anticipated date of graduation in the fall of 2022. Jerrod has published several articles and book chapters. Jerrod is also regularly featured on several national and international podcast programs.

Kostas A. Katsavdakis, Ph.D., ABPP is a Licensed Psychologist and Diplomate in Forensic Psychology with the American Board of Professional Psychology. He has extensive experience in Forensic Evaluations, the Clinical Assessment and Treatment of juveniles and adults and Threat Assessment and Management. Dr. Katsavdakis is retained by Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys and the State/Federal Court to evaluate defendants charged with violent sexual and violent non-sexual crimes followed by testimony in Court. Dr. Katsavdakis conducts threat assessments/management, including at the request of the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York for counter-terrorism related cases and as an Associate with Work Trauma Services, based in San Francisco, for workplace and campus settings. In addition to his forensic and threat management practice, he maintains a clinical caseload, providing individual treatment for adults and juveniles. Dr. Katsavdakis has presented nationally on topics such as Threat Assessment and Management and is currently an Associate Professor-Adjunct at John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in psychology of criminal behavior, forensic psychological testing, assessment of psychopathy and psychology/law.

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12:00 pm: Adjourn

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