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Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Threat Assessment in Academic and Employment Settings

Presenters: Kostas Katsavdakakis, Ph.D., ABPP and Jerrod Brown, Ph.D.

Date: Friday, December 18, 2020

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. Within employment and school settings, these problems can sometimes lead to social boundary issues and safety concerns. For example, individuals with autism are prone to fixation, which could contribute to stalking or harassment-type behaviors. Similarly, deficits in communication skills and Theory of Mind (ToM) deficits could make it difficult for the impacted individual to recognize cues and engage in appropriate social behaviors. The incorporation of ASD as part of a risk versus threat assessment may be a critical process in evaluating the overall potential for violence in academic and employment settings.

Training Objectives

1. Develop a working understanding of autism spectrum disorder
2. Explore the role of co-occurring conditions including trauma, substance use, and other psychiatric disorders among persons with ASD and their influence on inappropriate and problematic behaviors in employment and educational settings
3. Review existing empirically-based literature examining the role autism-related deficits play in anger, aggression, and violence.
4. Identify and operationalize relevant warning behaviors for a Threat Assessment
5. Briefly distinguish between the key elements of threat and risk assessment with persons diagnosed with ASD
6. Review effective strategies to conduct threat assessments within academic and employment settings

Presenter Biographies

Kostas A. Katsavdakakis, 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. Katsavdakakis 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. Katsavdakakis 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. Katsavdakakis 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.

Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor for Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota and has extensive experience teaching courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Jerrod has also been employed with Pathways Counseling Center in St. Paul, Minnesota for the past seventeen years. Pathways provides programs and services benefiting 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) and the Editor-in-Chief of Forensic Scholars Today (FST). 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 is also certified as a Youth Firesetting Prevention/Intervention Specialist, an Anger Resolution Therapist (CART), a Thinking for a Change (T4C) Facilitator, a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Trainer, an Autism Specialist, and a Mental Health Integrative Medicine Provider (CMHIMP).

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