

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

The Neuroscience of Autism Spectrum Disorder: The Latest Science and What it Means for Assessment and Intervention

Presenters: Jerrod Brown, Ph.D. and Jennifer Sweeton, Psy.D. M.S., M.A

Date: Friday, June 25, 2021 Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST) 3.0 CEUs

#### **Training Description**

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex, life-long, and highly prevalent neurodevelopmental disorder that impacts multiple domains of functioning. With rates of ASD significantly increasing in the United States and around the world, it is imperative for professionals to understand the complexities of this disorder and its implications for cognitive and social development. As such, this training is intended for professionals who want to learn how neuroscience research can provide a better understanding of ASD and its associated features. Participants can also expect to learn how this research can be used to guide and inform clinical assessment, treatment, and intervention.

#### **Training Objectives**

- 1. Explore the etiology of ASD
- Examine the early manifestations of ASD through a neuroscience framework
- Name at least two of the core features and clinical signs and symptoms of ASD
- Examine common neurological comorbidities associated with ASD
- State three proposed neurobiological underpinnings of ASD
- Describe how neuroscience research can provide a better understanding of the cognitive and social problems associated with ASD

#### **Presenter Biographies**

Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor for Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota and is the lead developer and program director for the Master of Arts degree in Human Services with an Emphasis in Forensic Behavioral Health. 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 Brain Health Coach, Trauma Professional, Compassion Fatigue Professional, Sleep Science Coach, Stress and Mindset Coach, Holistic Health Coach, 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).

Jennifer Sweeton, Psy.D., MS, MA. Originally trained as a neuroscientist, Dr. Jennifer Sweeton is a licensed clinical psychologist, best-selling author, and internationally-recognized expert on trauma, anxiety, and the neuroscience of mental health. She is the author of the book, Trauma Treatment Toolbox, published by PESI Publishing & Media. Dr. Sweeton completed her doctoral training at the Stanford University School of Medicine, the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, and the National Center for PTSD. Additionally, she holds a master's degree in affective neuroscience from Stanford University, and studied behavioral genetics at Harvard University. Dr. Sweeton resides in the greater Kansas City area, where she owns a group private practice, Kansas City Mental Health Associates, and co-owns Mind Works Professional Education, Inc., a continuing education company. She formerly served as the President of the Oklahoma Psychological Association, and holds adjunct faculty appointments at the University Of Kansas School Of Medicine and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She is the current President of the Greater Kansas City Psychological Association. Dr. Sweeton offers psychological services to clients in Oklahoma, Kansas, and internationally, and is a sought-after trauma and neuroscience expert who has trained more than 10,000 mental health professionals in her workshops.

LOCATION: This event is a 3-hour virtual, live stream training event with participants joining via Zoom.

COST: \$69.00 (Individual Rate)

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Training Schedule:

9:00 am: Introductions

9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Noon): Training Presentation – Handouts Provided

12:00 pm: Adjourn

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