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# *Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Illegal Online Pornography Use: Myths, Facts, and Controversies*

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

**Date: Friday, February 26, 2021      Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST)      3.0 CEUs**

### Training Description

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a broad and nuanced neurodevelopmental disorder distinguished by cognitive, social, emotional, and communication deficits. Although the overwhelming majority of individuals diagnosed with ASD are law-abiding citizens, the deficits of ASD can contribute to a person coming into contact with the criminal justice system. More often than not this contact with the criminal justice system is as a victim or witness of a crime rather than a perpetrator of criminal activity. However, in some cases, a person with ASD does get into legal trouble for criminal offenses such as illegal online pornography use. In fact, there has been a steady increase in recent years of legal cases, caregiver accounts, and professional observations where people on the autism spectrum do engage in illegal online pornography use. Unfortunately, little empirically-based research has examined this topic to this point. To raise awareness about the complex and misunderstood topic of ASD and illegal online pornography use, this training incorporates content in 5 key areas: (1) overview of the origins, causes, and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, (2) learn key symptoms and concepts relevant to autism (e.g., social-emotional functioning, theory of mind, developmental immaturity, and moral reasoning), (3) understand the potential role of problematic and fixated interests in sexual compulsive behaviors, (4) explore best practices in screening, treatment and intervention, and (5) review related research literature and relevant case studies.

### Training Objectives

1. Develop a working understanding of autism spectrum disorder
2. Explore variables that contribute to illegal online pornography use among some persons diagnosed with ASD
3. Review existing empirically-based literature examining the role autism-related deficits play in cases involving illegal online pornography use
4. Review effective strategies for screening, intervention, treatment, and threat assessment in cases involving illegal online pornography use among persons diagnosed with ASD

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

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