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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and Youth Firesetting: Implications for Criminal Justice, Forensic Mental Health, Human Service, and Youth Prevention and Intervention Specialists

Presenters: Jerrod Brown, Ph.D. and Kathi Osmonson, MA

Date: Friday, March 26, 2021

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST)

3.0 CEUs

Training Description

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is caused by prenatal alcohol exposure and persists across the lifespan. Deficits associated with this disorder include impairments in adaptive (e.g., communication, social responsibility, and personal independence) and executive functioning (e.g., poor decision making, impulsivity, and judgment and reasoning) along with other associated consequences (e.g., confabulation, suggestibility, disordered attachment, maladaptive coping skills, substance misuse, and psychiatric comorbidity). These impairments place an individual at greater odds of becoming involved in the criminal justice system for a range of illegal activities including firesetting. Specifically, anecdotal evidence and case study accounts have suggested that symptoms associated with FASD have been observed among some youth who set fires. Nonetheless, the topic of FASD and firesetting has not yet been thoroughly researched by scholars and this issue is not frequently discussed by criminal justice, youth fire prevention and intervention specialists, and forensic mental health professionals. These observations suggest the need to acquire a basic understanding of FASD and its relationship with known firesetting risks and motivations. This training will examine (a) possible causes of firesetting behaviors among individuals with FASD, (b) overlap in descriptive characteristics of youth with FASD and youth who set fires, (c) applicable caregiver and case study accounts, (d) approaches to better identify, screen, and assess individuals with FASD who may be at risk to set fires, (e) appropriate fire-safety strategies, and (f) intervention and treatment methods for youth with FASD who set fires.

Training Objectives

1. Analyze key research findings, statistics, and concepts associated with FASD and youth firesetting
2. Consider screening and assessment options to identify youth with FASD who set fires
3. Identify best practices for minimizing the consequences associated with youth firesetting among individuals diagnosed with FASD
4. Review intervention and treatment approaches appropriate for youth diagnosed with FASD who set fires

Presenter Biographies

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).

Kathi Osmonson, MA, is a global speaker, author, and youth fire intervention practitioner. She has been working with children who start fires, and their families, for more than 20 years. Kathi writes and reviews peer-reviewed articles on the topic and she has earned her Master of Arts Degree in Human Service with an Emphasis in Forensic Behavioral Health. She currently coordinates the Minnesota Youth Fire Intervention Team and developed the Minnesota State Certification for Youth Fire Intervention Specialist and Program Manager in conjunction with the Minnesota State Fire Certification Board.

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