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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and Sexually Inappropriate Behaviors: A Clinical and Forensic Overview

Presenters: Jerrod Brown, Ph.D. and Megan N. Carter, Psy.D., ABPP

This is an On-Demand training worth 2.0 hours of Continuing Education

Training Description

Afflicting millions across America, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) is caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol. FASD is a term, used to describe a variety of complex behavioral, emotional, and physical health outcomes and lifelong disabilities caused by prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE). Symptoms can include cognitive (e.g., attention and memory) and adaptive functioning (e.g., communication skills and problem solving) impairments along with physical abnormalities (e.g., physical dysmorphia) in a minority of cases. The presence and severity of symptoms is dependent on the magnitude and time during gestation of the alcohol exposure. A common consequence of FASD symptoms is criminal justice-involvement for a wide range of behaviors including sexually inappropriate behaviors. Nonetheless, FASD frequently goes undiagnosed and misdiagnosed in criminal justice settings. In fact, professionals working in criminal justice settings often know very little about FASD and there is a lack of advanced education and training opportunities on this disorder. This innovative training opportunity is designed to increase awareness and understanding of FASD and its role in sexually inappropriate behaviors among professionals who work in criminal justice settings. Empirically-based research findings and case study examples will be highlighted throughout this training.

Training Objectives

1. Develop a working knowledge of the symptoms and indications of FASD
2. Learn how FASD can contribute to the manifestation of sexually inappropriate behaviors
3. Review appropriate screening and interviewing strategies and techniques for clients with FASD who engage in sexually inappropriate behaviors
4. Identify treatment, intervention, and management options for clients with FASD who engage in sexually inappropriate behaviors
5. Discuss up to date FASD research findings along with scientific pathways forward

Presenter Biographies

Megan N. Carter, PsyD, ABPP, received her master's in applied social psychology from Portland State University in 2004. She then completed a master's degree and doctorate in clinical psychology from Pacific University (near Portland, Oregon, USA) in 2007. In 2008, she completed a forensic post-doctoral fellowship through the University of Washington, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She has focused on developing a career in forensic psychology and became board certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and the American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP) in 2014. In 2018, she earned the recognition as a Fellow for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). Although her area of primary focus has been on the assessment and treatment of those who have sexually offended, she also has an extensive background working in child protection issues. Having experience as a child protective services caseworker, visitation supervisor, court appointed special advocate (CASA), foster parent and adoptive parent has provided her with a unique perspective in completing forensic evaluations for the child protection system. More recently, Dr. Carter has been developing a sub-specialty in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) and has been working on publications guiding the assessment of FASD in forensic practice. She has also expanded her training practice to assist others in identifying FASD in forensic populations and assisting other professionals in understanding the impact of FASD in individuals and families.

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).

COST: \$69.00 (Individual Rate)

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Training Schedule:

9:00 am: Introductions

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

12:00 pm: Adjourn

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