"Autism Spectrum Disorders: No Longer Alone"

Presenter: Brian Bethel, PhD, LPCC-S, LCDC III, RPT-S

Autism Spectrum Diagnoses (ASD) represent a prevalent and complex mental and emotional disorder. Considering the range of social, emotional, and communication challenges that are associated with this diagnosis, social services providers commonly confront many challenges when serving this population. As such, this training will provide a general overview of ASD and offer specific strategies for empowering consumers with this diagnosis.

August 8, 2024

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Virtual Training Presentation ● Cost \$50

CEU Information Included on Back Page

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Please see back page for more information about this training including course objectives, speaker bio and CEU information.

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At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will:

- Have an increased understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- Gain increased knowledge specific to the evolution and current prevalence of ASD diagnoses.
- Have awareness of common challenges associated with the socialemotional and communication difficulties for persons with ASD.
- Gain valuable insight specific to scientifically validated form of treatment for ASD.

More About the Speaker – **Dr. Brian Bethel** is a Professional Clinical Counselor-Supervisor (LPCC-S), a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDCIII), and a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor (RPT-S) with specialized training in counseling children, adolescents and families. Dr. Bethel earned his PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from Ohio University where he also earned dual master's degrees in Clinical Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling. With over twenty years of clinical practice experience, Dr. Bethel brings a diversity of strengths. As the founder and director of Interplay Counseling and Consultation Services, LLC, Dr. Bethel operates a private counseling practice and provides education services to community organizations. He has dedicated much of his professional career to working with individuals impacted by trauma and continues as a mental health clinician for a Child Advocacy Center that serves children and families across southern and southeastern Ohio.

<u>CEU Information</u> – Approved by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Ohio Chapter for three (3) hours of CEUs for social workers.

The Ohio Board of Nursing accepts social work hours for RN CEUs. NASW is recognized as a Continuing Education Approver for social work CEUs by the OCSWMFT Board.

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