# Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism

### Professional Development

FAU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

## The Successful Implementation of the PEERS® Curriculum for School-Based Professionals: Post-Training Support and Coaching

Presented by: Cheryl Checkers, MS, LMHC

**Hosted by: FAU CARD** 

#### **About the Presenter**

Cheryl Checkers, LMHC, NCC is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and National Board-Certified Counselor in private practice where she specializes in the treatment of adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and comorbid mental health diagnoses, parent education and support, and professional consultation. In addition, she is a clinical consultant for Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (FAU CARD). Her experience includes working as a Clinical Director for NAMI PBC. In addition, Cheryl holds advanced clinical certifications in autism, anxiety, trauma, and ADHD. Cheryl is a certified PEERS® Clinician trained at UCLA by PEERS Creator, Dr. Liz Laugeson. As one of the first two clinicians from Florida trained in PEERS, Cheryl helped facilitate FAU CARD's first PEERS® groups.

#### **Training Description**

Target Audience: (school-based professionals who've received training in PEERS®)

The Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills PEERS® for School-Based Professionals is an evidence-based treatment program developed by UCLA and designed exclusively for teachers, school psychologists, counselors, speech and language pathologists, administrators, and school-based professionals. This virtual event will provide support for school-based professionals who have received training in PEERS® and are planning to facilitate or have started to facilitate the PEERS® school-based curriculum for students with ASD. Participants will receive instruction, coaching, support, and an opportunity to ask specific questions about facilitating the PEERS® Curriculum.

#### **Training Objectives**

Participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the PEERS model and how to implement the curriculum
- Gain support by sharing their experience(s) with other school-based professionals.
- Ask specific questions about facilitating PEERS answered and receive coaching feedback from the PEERS® presenter.

#### Date:

September 23, 2022 9:00 - 11:00 am

Registration: Open

**Location:** 

Online Live Webinar

#### **Registration Deadline:**

September 23, 2022 Limited to first 500 participants

Register here

Registration is mandatory.

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