

FAU CARD Annual Summer Academy: Personal Safety: Addressing Issues of Sexuality with Children and Youth with ASD

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Hosted by: FAU CARD

About the Presenter

Dr. Kim Spence has served as the coordinator of educational and training programs for UCF CARD since 1999 and as the clinical director of autism support services for Specialized Treatment & Assessment Resources since 2017. She has lectured internationally about creating visual supports, discriminating between maladaptive sexual behaviors versus mental health issues, and specialized educational and behavioral interventions to support healthy sexual knowledge for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) across the lifespan.

Alison Bourdeau served as a clinical support specialist for FAU CARD for the last six years, providing specialized supports in both social skills and mental health. She is currently a doctoral candidate in counselor education at Florida Atlantic University with research focusing on adults with ASD and mental health.

Training Description

This training will provide information and suggested strategies for teachers and other school-based personnel to assist individuals with ASD who may be engaging in inappropriate classroom/school behavior, including: touching others without permission, touching themselves, unwanted attempts to engage in romantic relationships, and difficulty understanding differences between public versus private behavior. The presenters will review research-based teaching techniques to improve appropriate social interactions between students with ASD and their same-aged peers to address a variety of sexually maladaptive behaviors within various school settings. Suggestions for clarifying differences between romantic relationships versus friendships, personal safety, and helping students avoid behavior defined as sexual harassment will be reviewed along with suggestions for dealing with attraction to others and engaging in safe personal and romantic relationships.

This training is for teachers, parents, caretakers, and professionals only. It is not appropriate for children or adults diagnosed with ASD. Specific strategies and educational information will be provided to address maladaptive sexual behavior in school-aged youth with ASD.

CAUTION: Language, pictures, and images presented will be graphic in nature and may be offensive to some individuals.

Training Objectives

Participants will learn:

- Rationale as to why providing information of personal safety is critical to overall success within social and educational contexts.
- Strategies for managing difficult topics with individuals and families.
- Strategies to manage challenging behavioral situations within the school environments.

Date:

July 22, 2019

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Location:

FAU Jupiter Campus

Lifelong Learning Auditorium

5353 Parkside Drive

Jupiter, FL 33458

Registration Deadline:

July 19, 2019

Limited to first 250 participants

Register Online:

<http://doepartnership.fmhi.usf.edu/trainings.html>

Registration is mandatory.

For more information contact:

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Directions:

For directions, click [HERE](#).

Parking:

All participants will be required to purchase a visitor parking pass online prior to attending the event: <http://fau.edu/parking/permits.php>

Credits:

6 SW, MH, and M&F CEUs

In-service Point

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