

Mental Health and ASD: What to Know and How to Help

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About the Presenter

Dr. Beth Boone is a professional who is dedicated to working with individuals with autism and related disabilities and their families. Dr. Boone received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Florida in 2001, completing pre-doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships at the A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE, and a second postdoctoral year as a Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) fellow at the Westchester Institute for Human Development. Dr. Boone has also served as faculty at the New York Medical College, and directed programs providing statewide training on positive behavior support and crisis prevention/intervention for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and complex behavioral health needs. Boone was the Executive Director of the Institute for Disability Studies at The University of Southern Mississippi. In 2017, Dr. Boone completed a graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis. She has worked as a Behavior Analyst with the Florida Mentor Network and taught in and chaired the Psychology program at Keiser University. Dr. Boone brought her wealth of experience to directing the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF) and The Learning Academy (TLA) in November of 2019.

Lee Daly is a Human Services Practitioner and mental health lead with the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF (CARD-USF). She also works with the Early Childhood Team and the Autism Friendly Business Project. She holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Fordham University in New York and a Master's of Special Education from NYC's Hunter College. She has spent the last 25 years counseling and educating to meet the needs of diverse populations in public schools and health clinic settings as well as in her private practice. Lee provides training, technical assistance, and direct assistance for families, school personnel and various community agencies. She works with businesses and organizations to promote inclusion, compassion, and understanding for individuals and families affected by autism and related differences.

Training Description

Target Audience: (Educators, caregivers and others who work with students with ASD)

Individuals with ASD demonstrate a high incidence of co-occurring mental health conditions. We will describe the factors that contribute to the challenges of diagnoses, discuss why treatment plans should be multidisciplinary to be effective, explore interventions that draw from research, practice on decreasing the impact of mental health conditions, and increasing well-being.

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the main criteria for the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Name at least two mental health conditions that frequently co-occur with ASD
- Identify an evidence-based intervention for ASD and mental health
- Report at least two proactive measures to support mental health issues in individuals with ASD

Date:

July 15, 2021

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:

Online

Registration Deadline:

July 14, 2021

Limited to first 300 participants

Register Online:

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Registration is mandatory.

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