

## Effective Treatment for Individuals with Co-Occurring Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Disorders:

### When:

Thursday, January 14, 2021

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

### Where: Live online via Zoom

Additional Zoom registration information will be included in your Bookeo confirmation

### Registration:

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### Continuing Education Credit:

This educational offering is acceptable for **2** continuing education contact hours for social workers, mental health counselors, psychoanalysts, creative arts therapists, and marriage and family therapists. Full attendance at all sessions is required to receive credit; variable credit for partial attendance may not be awarded based on state board guidelines.

This training is approved by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) Education Provider Certificate #1339. It is acceptable for 2 clock hours of CASAC/CPS education and training.

**Cost: \$20**



### About the Program:

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are experiencing inclusion in our community: a really wonderful outcome since deinstitutionalization. These freedoms in the community have included access to alcohol and illicit substances, matched with discomfort talking about this and lack of representation in clinical research. This means that clients with disabilities are more likely to have a substance use disorder that is misdiagnosed, and less likely to receive treatment.

Have you had a client on your caseload diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, or Processing Disorder and wondered how to assess for substance use disorders? Do you wish you learned more about people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities to better support clients seeking treatment? Do you ever wonder how to adapt your clinical skills and interventions to support clients with disabilities? People with intellectual and developmental disabilities contribute to society, yet they are not a part of our therapeutic communities, marking a resource unavailable to them.

This training will focus on the overlap of intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use. The myth that people with disabilities are not part of this community nor can they participate in treatment will be debunked. This offering will provide you with evidenced based training to adapt your clinical skills to include clients with disabilities. You will gain a better understanding of how to assess substance use disorders to include behavioral phenotypes that impact diagnostic overshadowing and differential diagnosis. You will walk away with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct person-centered therapy with adaptations for clients and how to improve therapy outcomes.

### About the Presenter:

Stephanie Fisher is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor. She has worked in the field of developmental disabilities for over 10 years and in the field of addictions since 2011. Stephanie has conducted research on gambling addiction and scaffolding personal identities during her graduate work at SUNY Albany. Stephanie provides trainings and presentations on issues relating to trauma informed approaches, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and other clinical interventions for working with intellectual disabilities, genetic disorders, and other topics related to mental health in the community. Stephanie sits on committees supporting disability inclusion, protecting human rights, and policy and administration in addition to her administrative and clinical work. Stephanie works closely with her therapy dog, Dogtor Benjamin, who is a great support to the clients served in the community.



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