# **Outline**

## DSM-5® and ICD-10 Updates

Social-Pragmatic Communication Disorder Impact on service delivery (school/community)
Successfully link home, school and therapy
IEP/504/Do they qualify for school services?

Co-morbid disorders: Why the difference is important

#### Social Skills Interventions

Improve social skill deficits

"Kid Cop" behaviors and why other kids get angry How to get peers to recognize them in positive ways Group activities

Early intervention strategies that can deliver long-term success

#### **Communication Interventions**

Conflict resolutions that are effective in multiple settings

Help peers and family members relate

Verbal interventions that overload processing

Pragmatic language and other abstract issues

#### **Sensory Interventions**

Self-stimulation (appropriate & inappropriate)
Sensory strategies to avoid

Coping/calming techniques that reduce meltdowns Sensory diet

#### **Anxiety Interventions**

Anxiety-reducing activities

How anxiety impacts rigidity

Help them "self-regulate"

# Successful transitions Depression Interventions

Impact on flexibility and change

Therapy that works for people with HFA

Emergence in adolescence

Solitude vs. loneliness

#### **ADHD Interventions**

ADHD vs. hyper-focus

Commonly prescribed medications and possible benefits and side effects

Specific triggers and what fuels the rage

Reduce aggressive and disruptive behaviors Mistakes that escalate defiant behaviors

Overcome refusals to comply with even simple requests

# Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Interventions

What to do when they become stuck on high interest areas

Specific medication interventions

Impact on socialization and behaviors

#### Interventions for Specific Difficult Behaviors

Reduce Internet and electronic addictions

Changes in technology, school systems and mental health delivery

Cognitive-Behavior Therapy (CBT) for mood and anxiety

## **Psychopharmacological Interventions**

Differentiate among common medications Medications that mimic difficult behaviors Side effects and off label use

#### **Case Studies, Demonstrations & Activities**

Case studies that demonstrate specific interventions for aggressive and non-compliant behaviors

iPad® apps for social success, behavioral changes and speech and language

Staff training techniques

to experience what an

individual on the spectrum might

### Research, Risks and Limitations

Approaches are evidence-based; more research warranted due to sample size

Interventions need to be individualized to the client Changes in behaviors may cause more initial stress Addressing behaviors alone can mask other

# **Objectives**

- 1. Implement interventions to teach children/adolescents diagnosed with High-Functioning Autism (HFA) the skills to independently manage their own regulation, anxiety and fears.
- 2. Design effective strategies to approach transitions and routine life challenges for children/adolescents diagnosed with HFA
- 3. Utilize specific interventions to improve long-term social-emotional success for children/adolescents diagnosed with HFA.
- 4. Suggest specific sensory-based calming techniques to reduce anxiety for children/adolescents diagnosed with HFA.5. Recognize the potential side effects of psychotropic medication that can mimic or cause behavioral issues related to HFA.
- Design specific behavioral interventions to reduce frequency, intensity and duration of difficult behaviors in children/ adolescents with HFA.



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- Sensory
- Depression
- ADHD
- Psychotropic medications
- Communication
- Anxiety/Rigidity
- Meltdowns
- OCD
- Non-compliance

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# Speaker

Bryan Anderson, MSW, LCSW, CAMF, is a behavioral therapist and clinical social worker who provides treatment for children, adolescents

and adults diagnosed with autism, anxiety, OCD, depression, anger issues and more. His practice specializes in working with behavioral, cognitive, academic, social and occupational functioning with his clients. Bryan teaches weekly social skills groups and is well known for applying strategies to reduce anxious, angry, and aggressive behaviors. He is the author of Grab The Wheel: Helping Young Children Manage Explosive Anger™, an interactive anger management and social skills curriculum for all children, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), in school or clinic settings. The curriculum is co-authored by leading UCLA researchers Dr. Stephanny Freeman and Dr. Tanya Paparella. Bryan co-authored a study on Comorbid Psychiatric Disorders in Preschoolers with Autism that was published in Behavior Disorders in 2010. A certified facilitator trained in the UCLA PEERS Social Skills model, he also is adept at providing social skills to children and teens on the Autism Spectrum.

Bryan trained and worked at the University of California, Los Angeles in the Early Childhood Partial Hospitalization Program (ECPHP), an internationally renowned clinic that treats young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He received his Masters from Columbia University School of Social Work where he trained as a therapist for children and adolescents at the Child & Family Institute of St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center. While at the St. Luke's Child and Family Institute, Bryan created and led an anger management skills group for children 8-10 with mixed diagnoses, using his own curriculum as the primary model.

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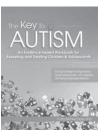
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