# 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 programs 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 Rehavior Theorem (CRT) for mood

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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

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# 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.
- 6. Design specific behavioral interventions to reduce frequency, intensity and duration of difficult behaviors in children/adolescents with HFA.

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# Speaker

JAY BERK, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who is internationally recognized for his work in the child/adolescent behavioral field. For over 25 years, Dr. Berk has been treating clients with autism, ODD, ADHD, anxiety and stress, depression, learning disabilities, Tourette's Syndrome and individuals who have multiple impairments. He conducts 15 social skills/mental health groups for children and adolescents and works daily with school and community professionals, families and parents. Dr. Berk continually consults for several school districts. In his private practice, in Beachwood, Ohio, he provides therapy for children, adolescents, families, testing and evaluation, school consultation as well as an alternative educational program.

Dr. Berk presents nationally on the topics of autism, disruptive behavior disorders, mental health issues in the classroom, ODD and social skills competency. In his workshops, he teaches professionals who work with children and adolescents, practical treatment and intervention strategies. He has been invited to present at hundreds of schools and conferences including being a repeated consultant to the Department of Education in Hawaii. As a past consultant to the United Nations, Dr. Berk authored a manual for UNICEF that was used by teachers working with children throughout Bosnia during the war. He has also worked in London, England with defiant teenagers; Kristiansand, Norway with traumatized youth; and the American Red Cross with trauma response. Speaker Disclosures

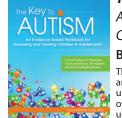
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