## **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. Ioneliness

## **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

## **Objectives**

- 1. Employ 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. Appraise specific sensory-based calming techniques to reduce anxiety for children/adolescents diagnosed with HFA.
- 5. Assess 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.

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<sup>®</sup> 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** 

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- Social skills
- Sensory
- Depression

• Psychotropic medications

ADHD

- Anxiety/Rigidity Meltdowns
- OCD

Communication

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## Speaker

## Amanda Meyer, M.S. BCBA, COBA, is a Board Certified Behavior

Analyst at Daily Behavioral Health. Amanda earned her Masters degree in Applied Behavior Analysis with an Autism Treatment Specialty from Sage Graduate School. She achieved her board certification in behavior analysis (BCBA) in 2014, and as an Ohio behavior analyst (COBA) in 2016. Prior to coming to Daily Behavior Health, Amanda worked at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism and at The Kidslink School as an Education Coordinator and Supervision Training Director. She has extensive experience working in many different settings with children at all ends of the autism spectrum, including in-home, center-based, and in-school settings. Amanda enjoys training families and other professionals about the application of behavior analysis. Amanda's goal for all of her clients is to create a holistic, evidence-based, program that encompasses social, behavioral, and life skills while incorporating the strengths and preferences of the client.

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