

Navigating the Spectrum: Enhancing Understanding and Outcomes of ASD

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Overview

This session aims to provide an in-depth understanding of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the Autism Spectrum Rating Scales (ASRS) in assessing autism spectrum disorders. It will equip professionals with the knowledge to interpret ASRS results accurately and to understand the broader context of nuanced behaviors and social challenges associated with ASD. The session will showcase effective strategies for incorporating ASRS findings into comprehensive support systems within educational settings, including Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and targeted interventions. Additionally, it will foster a collaborative approach among educators, parents, and professionals to create an inclusive and supportive environment for students with ASD. The session will enhance the participants' professional development in identifying, understanding, and addressing the needs of students on the autism spectrum.

Learner Outcomes

Based on the content of this session, participants will be able to

1. Utilize the ASRS effectively to assess and identify students with ASD, recognizing the scale's critical role in a comprehensive evaluation
2. Interpret ASRS data accurately and apply this information to develop a nuanced understanding of each student's unique challenges and strengths
3. Create and implement effective intervention plans based on ASRS results that are tailored to meet the educational and social needs of students with ASD

Time-Ordered Agenda

5 minutes	Understanding ASD across the lifespan
15 minutes	Introduction to the Autism Spectrum Rating Scales (ASRS)
15 minutes	Interpreting ASRS results and translating into practice
15 minutes	Integrating ASRS into educational support systems
10 minutes	Q&A and knowledge check wrap-up

About the Presenter

Sam Goldstein earned his Ph.D. in School Psychology from the University of Utah and is a licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist in the state of Utah. He is also board-certified as a pediatric neuropsychologist and is listed with the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the National Academy of Neuropsychology. He is an adjunct assistant professor in the University of Utah School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry. He has authored, co-edited, or co-authored over fifty clinical and trade publications, three dozen textbook chapters, nearly three dozen peer-reviewed scientific articles, and ten psychological and neuropsychological tests. He is a co-author of the Autism Spectrum Rating Scales (ASRS). Additionally, he is the founder and former editor-in-chief of the Journal of Attention Disorders. Since 1980, he has served as clinical director at The Neurology, Learning and Behavior Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, annually, conducting over 700 neuropsychological evaluations of children and adults. His new book, *Tenacity in Children*, examines the seven instincts that define our humanity and what it means to raise children.

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