

NJ ATSA Training

People on the Autism Spectrum and Sex: Addressing Needs to help Prevent Sexual Inappropriateness and Allow for A Healthy Sexual Life

Bobbie J. Gallagher, M.A., BCBA, Director, Autism Center for Educational Services, LLC

Friday, June 8, 2018

Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center
53 Academy Drive, Westampton, NJ
9am - 12pm (registration and networking 9-10am)
Presentation 10-12

Adults and children on the autism spectrum can exhibit a wide variety of inappropriate sexual behavior which seriously limits their ability to live successfully in the community and can present challenges to clinicians, support providers and supervisors. Bobbie Gallagher, owner and director of ACES, Autism Center for Educational Services, has many years of experience as a behaviorist and parent, addressing the needs of people with ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder. As a trainer and teacher, Bobbie will provide an overview of sexual behavioral issues, along with effective tips and recommendations for working successfully with this population and addressing inappropriate sexual behavior.

Training Goals and Objectives

- Participants will be able to describe issues of sexuality with individuals with ASD
- Strategies Surrounding Sexuality, Modesty, Privacy, Boundaries, and Personal Safety for those with ASD will be discussed.
- Participants will be able to describe deficits in sex education programming available to special education students and how these deficits lead to behavior that may impact an individual as both a victim and an offender
- Participants will be able to describe ethical issues concerning addressing sexuality with individuals with ASD.
- Participants will be able to identify barriers to access to relationships or self-gratifying sexual behaviors
- Participants will identify strategies to address unusual sexual behaviors, such as fetishes.
- Participants will be able to describe characteristics of autism and how they relate to myths about sexuality.
- Participants will be provided with strategies and resources to address sexuality with individuals with ASD.

Psychology CE credits (2 CE hours for Psychologists) are available for \$10 per person

Payable at the door – exact change appreciated

The Sexual Offenders Civil Commitment Program's Network (SOCCPN) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. SOCCPN in conjunction with the New Jersey Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers provides 2 Psychology CE credits for this training. SOCCPN maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Complaints and/or grievances can be shared in writing on the evaluation form distributed toward the end of the day. Attendees can also approach the registration table to share complaints and/or grievances. Furthermore, complaints and/or grievances can be forwarded to the NJATSA Board of Trustees care of the NJATSA email address: njatsa@gmail.com. Attendees can also forward complaints and/or grievances to 75 West Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728.

To request accommodations for disabilities, please contact the Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center at (609) 702-7157