

Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series



FALL 2022 WEBINARS



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Unlearning Ableism: How to be an Ally with People with Disabilities

Ableism, or discrimination against people with disabilities, contributes to inequities in our society. In this session, participants will learn to identify ableism and how they can respond in positive, proactive ways to promote inclusion. Research-based findings will be discussed as well as first-hand accounts of ableism and allyship. Together, we'll work towards an inclusive future for all.

Kara Ayers, PhD

Associate Director, University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH



Kara Ayers, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in the College of Medicine. She's the Associate Director of the University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD). In that role, she's Director of the Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities and also co-founder of the Disabled Parenting Project. Dr. Ayers' interests include disability identity/culture, healthcare equity, bioethics, community inclusion, and use of media to teach, empower, and reduce stigma. She infuses the mantra, "Nothing about us without us," into her scholarly and community-based pursuits.

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Assessing Trauma in Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Due to the alarming rates of abuse and neglect of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), as well as the diagnostic overshadowing that occurs when people with IDD seek treatment, it is important that support teams have the knowledge and tools to properly recognize signs of traumatic stress and assess its impact on the individual. In this webinar, participants will learn to differentiate characteristics of an IDD from symptoms of traumatic stress. The presentation will also address how assessment data can be used to guide treatment and serve as the foundation for trauma-informed care coordination.

Brian Tallant, LPC, NADD-CC

Program Director, Denver START
Rocky Mountain Human Services, Denver, CO



Brian Tallant is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Associate Director at Rocky Mountain Human Services in Denver. He is also the owner of Neurodiverse Communities, LLC where he provides training and consultation to a variety of professional and academic organizations. Brian has been a counselor and administrator in the community mental health field for close to 30 years. He is a contributing member of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and serves on the Board of Directors of NADD, an association for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health needs. Brian conducts workshops nationally and internationally on adapted mental health treatments and resilience planning for people experiencing secondary traumatic stress in the helping professions.

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Developmental Disabilities and Sexuality: Effective Tips and Tools

People with developmental disabilities are often left out of conversations about sexuality, almost as if they are incapable of having thoughts, feelings, and needs. In reality, they, too, are sexual beings that need information and skills for making healthy decisions about sexuality. People who support or work with people with developmental disabilities are most likely to discuss sexuality with them or may even be approached with questions about sexuality. This presentation will help participants become more comfortable talking about this sensitive topic by discussing what needs to be taught, when, and how to help people with developmental disabilities have safe and satisfying relationships.

Katherine McLaughlin, MEd

Founder, CEO, Lead Trainer
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Katherine McLaughlin, MEd, AASECT Certified Sexuality Educator, is the Founder, CEO, and Lead Trainer for Elevatus Training. As a national expert on sexuality and I/DD she trains professionals, and parents as well as individuals to become sexual self-advocates, and peer sexuality educators. She is the author of *Sexuality Education for People with Developmental Disabilities* curriculum. She has developed two online courses: *Developmental Disability and Sexuality 101* for professionals and *Talking to Your Kids: Developmental Disabilities and Sexuality* for parents, and a 3-Day certificate training: *Becoming a Sexuality Educator and Trainer*. She has spent her 25+ year career committed to elevating the status of all people, which is why the name of her growing company is Elevatus Training.

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Quality Meaningful Day Services: A Community-Based Approach

Community-based meaningful day supports and services offer people with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to connect with others in reciprocal relationships and to contribute in impactful ways. This session will discuss the many factors that go into building robust meaningful day services, such as individualized schedules, geographical mapping and planning, person-centered outcomes, and customized employment. Participants will learn how holistic outcomes can be achieved by encouraging full inclusion of people with I/DD into the many communities of which they are a part.

Abby Taylor, MS

Customized Employment Mentor
SEEC, Silver Spring, MD



Abby Taylor began her professional career as a Special Education teacher, but quickly realized she wanted to make an impact in the adult population of people with I/DD. Abby started as an Employment Consultant at SEEC in Silver Spring, MD, in 2014 and throughout her career has been fortunate enough pursue many training and learning opportunities and has become a subject matter expert in Customized Employment. Currently, she is in the role of Customized Employment Mentor, where she gets to share her expertise with all programs at SEEC, and help staff understand that employment skills are vital for everyone, not just those receiving employment services.

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The Boggs Center's Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series is a community and continuing education program provided for professionals, policymakers, individuals with disabilities, and family members to enhance their knowledge and skills in innovative approaches and state of the art practices for people with developmental disabilities. Nationally known speakers with expertise in their field serve as faculty for the program. Eight sessions of the Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series are held each year, four in the Fall, and four in the Spring.

Funding for the Series is provided by the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey and the Administration on Disabilities, US Department of Health and Human Services.

REGISTRATION

The Fall 2022 Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series will be held on the Zoom Webinar platform.

To access the webinars, you must register in advance on The Boggs Center Online Registration System at:
<https://boggscenterregistration.rwjms.rutgers.edu/index.php/event/lecture>

The webinars are free of charge. Space is limited for each of the sessions. Open to people who live or work in New Jersey.

For additional information about DDLS Webinars, including system requirements, please view [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Mahovetz at deborah.mahovetz@rutgers.edu or 732-235-9543

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As part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, The Boggs Center offers this program for social work continuing education credit per NJAC 13:44G6.4.c(5). The Boggs Center is a registered NJ Department of Education Professional Development Provider. The Fall 2022 sessions have been submitted to the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) for continuing education program approval.

Each session is eligible for 2 hours of continuing education recognition. **To demonstrate completion and receive a Certificate, you must be logged into the webinar from start to finish and complete a survey at the webinar's completion.** Certificates of Attendance will be emailed to all participants who meet these eligibility requirements the week following the event.