

ADOS-2 Reliability and Standardization in Administration

Date: October 7 – 8, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150 for external registrants | Free to ChildServe team members

This is a virtual training. To register, visit www.childserve.org/clinical-training-series/

Course Description

Differentiating Autism Spectrum Disorder from other overlapping disorders such as Intellectual Disability, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Anxiety Disorder, etc. can be challenging. However, the ADOS-2 is considered to be a gold-standard in this decision making. This measure can be used to differentiate Autism Spectrum Disorder effectively. Clinicians will learn the different play and observational tasks posed during the ADOS, how to conduct them, what to look for, document, and score to consensus so that patients can be compared to normative and impaired samples and ultimately derive an accurate diagnosis.

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of the course, clinicians should be able to:

1. Identify and accurately use the key observation, coding, and scoring algorithms for the ADOS-2.
2. Effectively select the correct module based on the child's developmental level.
3. Differentiate developmentally typical behaviors from non-normative behaviors and code these appropriately.
4. Competently document, score, and diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorder versus other disorders using the ADOS-2.

Course Presenter: Suzanne Richards, PhD

Dr. Richards obtained her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2007. She is a child and adolescent psychologist specializing in the assessment of Autism and intervention with individuals with complex medical, psychological, social, and behavioral conditions related to Autism. Dr. Richards has been involved in clinical education and research on multiple topics including school violence, bullying behavior, learning, and social skills. She has extensive clinical experience providing mental health therapy services and assessment in a wide range of settings. She has served many children, adolescents, and their families with behavioral disorders in addition to major mental illness and Autism Spectrum Disorders. She also consults with and advises schools and training programs on appropriate interventions. She is currently licensed as a Psychologist, Health Service Provider, Youth Sex Offender Treatment Provider, and a Youth Sex Offender Evaluator. Dr. Richards joined ChildServe in 2016 as a Psychologist. Since this time, she has become an integral part of the multi-disciplinary Autism Diagnostic Clinic and is involved with various Autism interventions including treatment groups, diagnostic assessments and consultations on complex children, programming, and training.

Continuing Education Credits

This course is designed to meet the criteria for 14 CEU credit hours for:

- Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners
- Iowa Board of Behavioral Science Examiners
- Iowa Board of Psychology Examiners
- Iowa Board of Speech Pathology
- Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy

Copies of course descriptions, objectives, and speaker credentials will be made available along with a certificate of completion. Attendance at both sessions is required for credit.