

Risky Substance Use Among People with Intellectual, Developmental & Other Cognitive Disabilities: Enhancing Addiction Treatment Accommodations and Peer Support

For professionals in behavioral health, psychologists, counselors, social workers, & peer support specialists

Substance use, risky use, and addiction commonly occur in the population, including among people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). In this workshop, we discuss (1) an overview of what is known about substance use, prevention, and treatment among people with IDD; (2) consideration of another cognitive challenge, namely traumatic brain injury (TBI), which has many overlaps with the prevention and treatment aspects for people with IDD; and (3) peer support for people with disabilities and substance use challenges.

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify 3 approaches to make prevention and treatment more accessible and meaningful for people with IDD.
2. Describe the 3-phase model for the “perfect storm” of cascading vulnerabilities that can make people with TBI uniquely susceptible to devastating consequences from opioid use.
3. List recommendations for substance use treatment providers working with people with a history of TBI to make treatment more accessible and to improve the quality of treatment received.
4. List 5 aspects of organizational and service delivery context that may be adjusted to meet the peer support needs of individuals with IDD and substance use challenges.

LOCATION

Zoom Webinar

COST

No fee to attend this training.



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INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL: Introductory

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