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9:30AM – 3:30PM (lunch noon – 1:00, on your own)
(Registration begins at 9:00)

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

presented by

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Many individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) have co-occurring mental health and other issues. Behaviors seen in FASD are often mistaken for psychiatric illnesses such as oppositional defiant disorder (ODD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), reactive attachment disorder (RAD), and in adults, antisocial and borderline personality disorder. It is very important to distinguish whether a person has a true co-occurring mental health issue or whether the behaviors are due to the brain damage due to FASD. If a person with an FASD has a co-occurring mental health disorder, the treatment for that disorder must be modified to effect positive outcomes. This presentation will identify mental health issues in individuals with FASD, discuss why those with FASD must be approached differently in many settings, and will examine strategies geared to the recognition of what is causing the behaviors that we see.

Dan Dubovsky has worked for more than 40 years in the fields of mental health and developmental disabilities. He has worked as a therapist in residential, community-based and hospital settings. Dan has been involved in the field of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder for more than 25 years, and has presented regionally, nationally and internationally on FASD, focusing especially on interventions for children, adolescents and adults.

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