

Integration of Treatment for Neurodiverse Youth and Young Adults

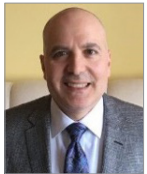
Friday, December 8, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST

The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) in conjunction with the Connecticut Hospital Association is proud to sponsor a virtual, professional forum that explores the integration of treatment for neurodiverse youth and young adults. This presentation will examine neurodiversity, the diagnoses of intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder, and eligibility criteria for services provided by the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS). It will also review inclusive and sensitive treatment approaches for this population and present a personal story touching on mental health, autism, and a life of advocacy.

Join leading experts to:

- Better understand neurodiversity and neurodivergence.
- Develop insight into the intellectual disability diagnosis, DDS eligibility, and the service delivery process.
- Discover components of the positive behavior support model.
- Identify the importance of a trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive approach.

Presenters:



Peter Tolisano, Psy.D., ABPP is a Board-Certified Clinical Psychologist through the American Board of Professional Psychology. He joined the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in July of 2013. Prior to assuming his tenure as the Director of Psychological Services, he was a campus-wide psychologist at Connecticut Valley Hospital with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. In his current role, Dr. Tolisano is responsible for overseeing and coordinating psychological services statewide throughout DDS.



Tammy Venenga is the Division Director for Children's Services at CT DDS. She has her master's degree in clinical psychology and has worked within the field supporting those with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities for 30+ years. She works in partnership with other state and community agencies across CT to ensure children with intellectual disabilities receive the wraparound supports necessary to be maintained within their family home.



Russell Lehmann is an award-winning, internationally recognized thought leader, speaker, poet, and advocate contextualizing autism, mental health, disabilities, and the overall human condition. Diagnosed with autism at age 12, Russell experienced five weeks in a lockdown psychiatric facility followed by over 15 years of isolation from the world. Today, Russell sits on numerous boards, including the national Board of Directors for The Arc of the United States and is a Lead Council Member for the Autism Society of America. Named the 2022 Advocate of the Year by the Autism Society of America, he travels the world spreading hope, awareness, and compassion in a raw and dynamic fashion, while working to erase the stigmas and stereotypes that come with having a disability.



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This event is available at no cost to you and offers the following credits (pending): National Association for Social Workers (NASW) continuing education credits (CECs) and continuing medical education credits (CMEs) for physicians and nurses. Approval by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is also pending for psychologist CECs. Carelon Behavioral Health is an approved trainer for the Connecticut Certification Board (CCB).