

# AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WEBINAR

## UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSITY & CONDUCTING NEUROAFFIRMING EVALUATIONS

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is pleased to present *Understanding Neurodiversity & Conducting Neuroaffirming Evaluations*. This webinar will cover important topics in neurodiversity relevant to comprehensive autism evaluations across the lifespan, including discussing methods for making the evaluation process comfortable and empowering, and reviewing case examples for writing helpful reports and recommendations using affirming language that focuses on differences rather than deficits.

By attending this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Show an understanding of the paradigm of neurodiversity and how it is contrasted with medical models of illness.
2. List multiple methods for approaching the autism evaluation process in an affirming and empowering manner with caregivers and individuals.
3. Identify strategies for using strength and difference based language when reporting on tests results, clinical impressions, and recommendations.

### TRAINING INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, Mar. 12, 2025

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Register: [Register](#)

This course is approved for 3.0 American Psychological Association and Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative continuing education (CE) hours. Participants must attend the full session, complete the post-training survey, and use the same email address for registration that is used on the post-training survey to obtain the CE certificate.

### JESSICA HURTUBISE, PHD & KARA BROOKLIER, PHD



Dr. Jessica Hurtubise is a neuropsychologist specializing in the assessment of preschool and school-aged children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental conditions (e.g., autism spectrum disorder) and acquired brain injury. She currently works as a Registered Psychologist at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Kara Brooklier has been a pediatric neuropsychologist (licensed psychologist) for over 20 years. Her specialization is in evaluating and treating neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. Brooklier maintains private practice offices in the Rochester Hills and Grosse Pointe communities and

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Direct questions about the workshop to the Michigan Capacity Building Center at: [micbc@pcgus.com](mailto:micbc@pcgus.com).

The Wayne State University Department of Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Wayne State University Department of Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Direct questions about continuing education to Dr. Mark Lumley at: [mlumley@wayne.edu](mailto:mlumley@wayne.edu) or 313-577-2247.

The Wayne State University School of Social Work is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative to sponsor continuing education programming for Michigan social workers. For questions about continuing education, please contact Dr. Shantalea Johns at [shantalea@wayne.edu](mailto:shantalea@wayne.edu).



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