2021 Annual Conference

Key Note Speakers:

Dr. Nicole Gravina

Dr. Lina Slim

Dr. Bridget Taylor

Dr. Alyssa Wilson

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Dr. Nicole Gravina

Title: Promoting Quality Feedback Conversations in Supervision

Abstract: Feedback is an essential component of supervision and management, yet it can be difficult to deliver feedback effectively. In this webinar, Dr. Nicole Gravina will describe evidence-based strategies to facilitate high-quality feedback conversations that will enhance performance and safety. Some of the strategies will include developing rapport, using effective feedback components, and soliciting feedback on the feedback. Attendees will leave with ideas for improving their own feedback conversations.

Dr. Nicole Gravina

Bio: Dr. Nicole Gravina is an Assistant Professor of Behavior Analysis in the Department of Psychology at the University of Florida. Nicole earned her Master's in Industrial-Organizational Psychology and her Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis from Western Michigan University. She has published over 40 articles and book chapters and delivered over 100 presentations and workshops. She serves on the editorial boards of Behavior Analysis in Practice and Occupational Health Science, as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Organizational Behavior Management, and as a Trustee for the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies. In 2019, Nicole was honored with the APA Early Career Impact Award in Consulting Psychology. Nicole specializes in designing behaviorally-based workplace interventions that improve employee safety, healthcare delivery, and leadership and consulting skills. In addition to her faculty appointment, Nicole has consulted in a variety of industries, including healthcare, human services, manufacturing, public utilities, insurance, and construction.

Dr. Lina Slim

Title: Unity and Humility in Collaboration: Let's Practice What We Preach!

Abstract: The increased prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) has led clinicians, educators and parents to seek the latest evidence-based approaches and acquire specialized skills required to address the unique learning and behavioral challenges that individuals with autism experience. (CDC, 2014; Christensen et al., 2016). Drawing from the specialized skill expertise of interdisciplinary team members (i.e., speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, behavior analysts, parents etc.) is necessary to…

...comprehensively address the complex needs of individuals with autism. Team members are bound to encounter some disagreements, challenges and barriers as each member brings their own conceptual and theoretical approaches and assumptions to autism treatment. These challenges and barriers may hinder establishing trusting relationships and building partnerships which in turn may have detrimental consequences on the learner's progress (e.g., delay progress or interrupt treatment). This presentation will (1) provide a framework for applying ethical interprofessional education and collaborative practices, (2) identify challenges to collaboration and provide suggestions to addressing them through the lens of culturally aware practices and cultural humility, (3) offer suggestions for a systems approach that promotes effective interprofessional collaboration.

Dr. Lina Slim

Bio: Dr. Lina Slim, is a dually certified SLP & BCBA-D with over 30 years-experience, specializing in the diagnosis and management of children with autism, neurodevelopmental and behavioral disorders, and apraxia. She is Founding Executive Director of ASAP – A Step Ahead Program, LLC, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, ABA Online Program. Her clinical and research interests focus on disseminating best practices in the application of the science of behavior analysis in the treatment of individuals with autism and promoting interprofessional collaborative practices that embrace cultural linguistic sensitivity and responsiveness while maintaining patient/client/family at the centered. Dr. Slim presents and consults nationally and internationally and has published peer-reviewed research. Dr. Slim is the recipient of the 2005 Children Empowerment Award and the 2014 New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NJSHA) Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award. She is Chair of NJSHA Interprofessional Autism Conference, Board of Directors Member of the Association for Science in Autism Treatment, Co-Chair of the NJSHA-NJABA Collaborative Practice Group, Chief Communication Officer Liaison of Behavior Analysis SIG on Supervision to the ABAI, Board Member of ABAC, Inc., Internal Continuing Education Committee, Executive Member of the SPABA ABAI SIG, and BACB® Subject Matter Expert on the Item Review Committee.

Dr. Bridget Taylor

Title: Collaborative relationships with caregivers: Proactive strategies to enhance adherence to treatment

Abstract: Clinicians may struggle with parental nonadherence to treatment recommendations made during parent training activities. Adherence may be improved by nurturing a collaborative relationship with family members. Collaboration requires specific relational responses of clinicians, such as actively and empathically listening, compromising, and compassionately understanding each family's unique circumstance. This talk will review behavioral conceptualizations of parental adherence to treatment and provide a function-based approach to building collaborative relationships with caregivers, with the goal of improving adherence to treatment recommendations.

Dr. Bridget Taylor

Bio: Dr. Bridget A. Taylor is co-founder and CEO of Alpine Learning Group and is Senior Clinical Advisor for Rethink. Dr. Taylor has specialized in the education and treatment of children with autism for over 30 years. She holds a Doctor of Psychology from Rutgers University, and received her Master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education from Columbia University. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a Licensed Psychologist. She is currently President of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and serves on the Autism Advisory Group for the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies. Active in the autism research community, Dr. Taylor has published numerous peer reviewed articles and book chapters on effective interventions for autism. She is an international presenter and serves in an advisory capacity for autism education and treatment programs both locally and abroad. Dr. Taylor was recently recognized by the Association for Applied Behavior Analysis International for her outstanding contributions and was given ABAI's Fellow designation.

Dr. Alyssa Wilson

Title: Problem Gambling in Today's World: The Curious Case of Risk, Rules, and Real-Time Accessibility

Abstract: Gambling is a cross-cultural form of entertainment that can be found across the globe. Gambling is any activity wherein a person wagers something of value in an event that presents the possibility of wining something of value, based upon an outcome that is in part determined by chance. In the United States, some form of legal gambling exists across 48 states, with online/Internet and sports gambling booming in recent years. In Canada, land-based gambling venues such as casinos and video lottery terminals were legalized in 1985; while sports gambling is close to being legal across the country. Concomitantly, emerging gaming-like features are beginning to become commonplace in other forms of...

...entertainment such as video gaming and social gaming on various social media platforms like Facebook®. Given the massive expansion of gambling features and venues to play legally, there is a huge need to equip mental health professionals with the knowledge and knowhow to effectively treat today's problem gamblers. The current presentation will showcase top emerging trends related to industry expansion, psychological evidence on environmental determinants that influence problem gambling, and treatment provisions for problem and disordered gamblers.

Bio: Alyssa N. Wilson, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA is an Associate Professor and Department Chair of Applied Behavior Analysis Programs at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Southern California. She received her Ph.D in Rehabilitation with an emphasis in Behavior Analysis and Therapy from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral (BCBA-D) and is a Licensed Behavior Analyst in the state of Missouri...

...She is the co-author of The Gambling Disorder Treatment Handbook: A Guide for Mental Health Professionals and chapter in the Social Work Desk Reference v 4 on Gambling Disorders. She is also the co-author of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Gambling Disorders, a guide for clinicians. Dr. Wilson has delivered over fifty national and international presentations related to gambling assessment and treatment, and her research has been showcased on Netflix's Bill Nye Saves the World. She is currently an Associate Editor for the journal Behavior Analysis in Practice and serves on the editorial boards for a range of journals including the Journal of Contextual Behavior Science and Perspectives of Behavior Science. When she is not working, you can find her spending time with family, painting, or cooking a vegetarian friendly meal.