



Gender, Neurotype and Intersectional Considerations; Trauma Informed Rapport Building Across Settings

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Description of Presentation:

During this presentation, participants will learn the basic tenets of trauma-informed care through the lens of working with the TGNC and non-neurotypical populations. Because of institutional trauma and the intersections of race, neurotype and disability, trauma-informed practices are necessary for fostering positive clinical relationships with non-cisgender individuals of all neurotypes and backgrounds. Learning what person-centered care entails when working with transgender and gender non-conforming people will enable participants to act with the cultural and clinical sensitivity required to address the needs of this diverse segment of the population, leading to optimal outcomes. From TBI to strokes to stuttering to mental health to voice disorders to school students...we are more than our pronouns. Every person is more than just a neurotype, race, culture or SES bracket.

Learner Outcomes:

- 1) Participants will list the tenets of trauma-informed care
- 2) Participants will describe how to foster trusting relationships with populations who have experienced institutional trauma
- 3) Participants will define basic terms related to gender, neurotype and intersectionality

Speaker Financial Disclosures:

AC is the founder of Transplaining LLC and The CREDIT Institute Inc. He's a community partner with CHAT Life Changing Speech Therapy and a contractor with Prismatic Speech Services. AC is an associate professor at Northeastern University.

Speaker Non-Financial Disclosures:

AC is a founding member of the Trans Voice Initiative and is a topic area expert in gender for the Informed SLP. He is a 2023 ASHA Convention Planning Committee Diversity Co-Chair. AC serves on the community advisory board overseeing research out of Boston University about the effects of exogenous testosterone therapy on communication in AFAB speakers. He's also on the editorial board of the Journal of Communication Disorders.

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