



Alabama Department of Mental Health-Office of Deaf Services
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Deaf and Clinical Training Series
Understanding the Complexity of Working with Individuals who are Deaf
Considering Comorbid Medical and Psychiatric Illnesses

Friday, April 21, 2023
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Central Time (4.0 clock hours)
Virtual Training



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Successful psychiatric treatment of deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind (DHHDB) individuals almost always requires a collaborative care approach. Misdiagnoses of medical conditions masquerading as psychiatric conditions can lead to worsened or less-than-optimal treatment outcomes. Using real-life case examples from his Deaf-focused clinical practice, Dr. Wilson will discuss various medical conditions that can present as psychiatric illnesses. Recognition of pathognomonic findings in a psychiatric patient indicative of an underlying medical condition within the context of DHHDB individuals is essential to treatment success. Additionally, awareness of best-practice approaches to treating a cultural and linguistic minority population can maximize the chances of good treatment outcomes.

Dr. Jaime Wilson is a prescribing medical psychologist and board-certified neuropsychologist in full-time private practice inside and outside Washington State. He holds privileges at several area hospitals and has worked extensively with physicians, other healthcare providers, and forensic experts, providing neuropsychological evaluations across the U.S. The field of neuropsychology is dedicated to learning about and diagnosing conditions related to the brain and nervous system. As a Past President of the Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses (www.AMPHL.org), Dr. Wilson also serves on the Diversity Council for the Society of Prescribing Psychology and as Chair of the Diversity Committee for the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology. Born with a profound hearing loss, Dr. Wilson grew up wearing bilateral hearing aids and primarily communicated using spoken language, although he is also an American Sign Language user. Dr. Wilson resides in Olympia, WA, with his wife (a registered nurse who is also deaf), three kids, and a King Charles Spaniel named Pepper Jack.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 (Hearing/Non-signing providers)
Comorbid Medical and Psychiatric Illnesses:
Differential Diagnoses and Treatment of Individuals Who Are Deaf with Dr. Jaime Wilson

AUDIENCE: Hearing/Non-fluent signing/Non-signing providers: This session is targeted at service providers who do not specialize in some aspect of deafness including Mental Health Professionals, Nurses, Social Workers, Counselors, Rehabilitation Counselors, Case Managers, Psychologists, MH, SA, and DD Providers, Group Home Staff, Educators, Educational staff, Interpreters in Mental Health, Community Interpreters, Educational Interpreters, etc.

During this training, participants will gain a thorough understanding and consideration on the complexities of working with individuals who are deaf who may present with medical and or psychiatric illnesses.

- Participants will recognize the importance of cultural and linguistic competencies in diagnosing and treating DHHDB individuals.
- Participants will identify at least three unintended consequences of an incorrect psychiatric admission or diagnosis for DHHDB patients.
- Participants will identify rehabilitative actions, medical treatments, and behavioral interventions for treatment of DHHDB patients presenting with comorbid medical and psychiatric conditions.
- Participants will engage in discussion of multiple real-life case scenarios involving DHHDB individuals with comorbid medical and psychiatric conditions.
- Participants will recognize the percentage frequency of overlap of medical conditions that may have psychiatric behavioral manifestations.

After the training, participants will be able to:

- Recognize at least five findings in a DHHDB psychiatric patient that may suggest an underlying medical condition.
- Describe at least three general medical conditions that commonly manifest with psychiatric presentations, including some that are specific to DHHDB individuals.
- Identify common medications that may contribute to psychiatric side effects.
- Articulate problem-solving strategies for appropriate diagnoses and treatment of medical and psychiatric conditions presenting in DHHDB individuals.

Eligible participants must be in attendance for the full program to receive credit for completing the course.

The Alabama Department of Mental Health

- *is an approved as a provider of continuing education in social work by the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners and approves this program for 5.0 contact hours. Provider #0125, Expiration Date: January 31, 2024.*
- *is an approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Alabama Board of Nursing and approves this program for 5.0 contact hours. (Provider No. 0150 exp. 7/29/2025).*

The Alabama Department of Mental Health Office of Deaf Services

- *is an approved RID CMP Sponsor. This activity has been awarded 0.40 CEUS in the area of Professional Studies by The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf at the "some" Content Knowledge Level for CMP and ACET participants. Activity # 0263.0423.02.*
- *has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP no. 6824. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC are clearly identified. The Alabama Department of Mental Health, Office of Deaf Services is solely responsible for all aspects of this program. Participants completing the program may earn up to a total of 5.0 CE Hours.*
- *is approved by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) to sponsor continuing education credits for counselors for this training for 4.0 contact hours.*

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Registration deadline April 14, 2023. Registration fee waived for employees of ADMH, QMHI-Supervisors, employees of ADMH Community Mental Health Centers, and contracted Substance Abuse provider agencies.



Registration fees prior to March 15, 2023

\$40 Registration fee - Early Bird

\$20 Registration fee - full time ITP or Counseling Students (Non-certified, non-working)

Registration fees March 16, 2023 or after

\$60 Registration fee – Regular

\$30 Registration fee- full time ITP or Counseling Students (Non-certified, non-working).

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