The prevalence of Neurodevelopmental Disorders, such as autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD), has risen dramatically since 2000 resulting in an increased need for mental health services and professionals with ability to serve them. This presentation will move beyond providing a basic understanding to encourage professionals to stretch and grow their knowledge of current issues in the field of Neurodevelopmental Disorders while staying grounded in the fundamentals. Discussions will cover current diagnostic and treatment topics, such as considerations for differential diagnosis across the lifespan, sex/gender, and co-occurring conditions, telehealth, neurodiversity, disparities, evidence-based resources, and advocacy relevant for professionals who work with or may encounter these clients in their practice.

Fee: NCPA Members - $15.00; Non-members - $30.00
Instructional Level: Intermediate
Educational Format: Lecture and discussion

Learning Objectives:
By the end of the institute, participant will be able to:

1. state at least 3 common pitfalls in the differential diagnosis of neurodevelopmental disorders, such as IDD, ASD, and ADHD;
2. name 3 resources for evidence-based practice information specific to working with individuals with ASD; and
3. describe 2 emerging issues in the areas of neurodiversity and disparities for individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders.

Instructor:
Joanna Mussey, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist who specializes in evidence-based assessment and treatment of autism spectrum disorders (ASD), intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and other neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. Mussey has authored several peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and other scholarly works and research projects. She conducts diagnostic evaluations, offers professional consultation and training, and provides individual, group, and family therapy services.

Continuing Education Information:
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To receive CE credit, you must attend the entire workshop. No credit will be given to participants who are more than 15 minutes late at the beginning of the workshop. You must be present at the close of the workshop and sign-in and sign-out. You may not be excused early. Partial credit is not provided.