



National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices

Transforming Practices: Summer Webinar Series for Disability and Aging Professionals

Our line-up of experts in aging, IDD, and dementia will guide you through a variety of topics, ensuring you stay ahead of the curve and excel in your profession.

We hope this message finds you well. I wanted to reach out and share an exciting opportunity for our NTG Affiliated Regional Trainers. We are thrilled to announce our upcoming advanced topics webinar series designed specifically for professionals like you who are passionate about enhancing their knowledge and skills in this ever-evolving field of aging, IDD, and dementia.

This webinar series aims to provide in-depth insights and on a range of issues impacting aging adults with IDD along with strategies to assist you in caring for them.

- **When do the webinars take place?** The webinars will take place on 4 Thursdays in August and September from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm EDT (see below for specific dates, topics, and presenters).
- **Is there a fee for the series?** Yes, \$149 for the series of 4 webinars.
- **Are any discounts available? Yes.**
 - 20% discount if you are an NTG dues paying member or sign up for membership (click the link on the registration form).
 - REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 1st AND USE THE CODE 'SUMMER2024' TO RECEIVE \$10 OFF YOUR REGISTRATION! (Sorry, this offer cannot be combined with the NTG membership discount.)
- **What if I can't attend the webinar live?** Webinars will be recorded and a link to the recording sent to all registrants following the live event.
- **Are CEUs offered for the series?** The NTG is unable to offer discipline-specific CEUs but will provide a certificate of attendance for each webinar in the series to all registered participants.

Why should you attend?

- *Expand your knowledge. Gain valuable insights into best practices.*
- *Enhance your skills. Acquire practical skills and strategies to navigate complex challenges and effectively support individuals with diverse needs.*
- *Certificate of attendance for each webinar in the series.*

We are very excited about our line-up of presenters and the topics they will be covering. Please join us for this special continuing education opportunity. Questions? Please email Kathryn Pears at kathrynpears@the-ntg.org.

Registration is now open. [Register today!](#)



**Thursday, August 8th
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET**

Brain Basics for Sensory Processing in IDD

**Thursday, August 22nd
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET**

Unlocking Behaviors: An Interdisciplinary Approach

Many individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) have deficits in sensory processing. This webinar will explore how specific brain areas are responsible for specific sensory processes and discuss how they underpin the sensory deficits seen in adults with IDD.

Observable behaviors often indicate discomfort with the physical environment and unfamiliar interactions. These behavioral symptoms are often expressed in atypical and uncommon ways in people with IDD. Recognizing and addressing sensory processing deficits is essential for promoting positive interactions and overall well-being in individuals with IDD.

Cameron Jeter: Dr. Cameron Jeter holds a PhD in neuroscience, with specific training in clinical and translational research. She works to improve access to healthcare for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). At Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Jeter teaches in the Integrated Biomedical Sciences track.

In addition to her position at Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Jeter is an adjunct faculty member at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Dean's Excellence Award in three areas: the Scholarship of Teaching, the Scholarship of Application, and the Scholarship of Integration. Dr. Jeter lectures nationally on how understanding the brain's control of thought and behavior can improve academic and clinical performance.

Dr. Jeter is also involved in the NTG's five-year project in Texas (funding provided by a grant to the University of Texas at Houston Health Science Centers by the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities) providing education and training on aging, intellectual disabilities, and dementia to disability service providers across the state. Dr. Jeter is also an NTG Affiliated Regional Trainer.

Presenter's: Craig Escude, MD and Ley Linder, BCBA



Based on the popular Helen Journal series, this webinar will describe an interdisciplinary approach to understanding and managing behaviors based on underlying undiagnosed medical conditions.

An interdisciplinary approach can unlock the meaning behind behavioral challenges in people who have limited ability to communicate using words. Insights from a physician specializing in IDD and a behavior analyst specializing in IDD and dementia will be shared using real life case studies to illustrate how underlying medical conditions can manifest as behavioral challenges.

Ley Linder: Ley is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst with an academic and professional background in gerontology and applied behavior analysis. Ley's specialties include behavioral gerontology and the behavioral presentations of neurocognitive disorders, in addition to working with high-management behavioral needs for dually diagnosed persons. He works closely with organizations such as the National Down Syndrome Society and the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices, and is the Founder/CEO of Crescent Behavioral Health Services based in Columbia, SC. Ley is the proud recipient of the 2024 AADMD Excellence in IDD Journalism Award for co-authoring the ongoing series "Unlocking Behaviors" in HELEN: The Journal of Human Exceptionality. Ley is also an NTG Affiliated Regional Trainer.

Craig Escude: Dr. Craig Escudé is a board-certified Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and President of IntellectAbility. He has more than 20 years of clinical experience providing medical care for people with IDD and complex medical and mental health conditions. He is the author of "Clinical Pearls in IDD Healthcare" and developer of the "Curriculum in IDD Healthcare," an eLearning course used to train clinicians on the fundamentals of healthcare for people with IDD, and the host of the IDD Health Matters Podcast.



Thursday, September 12
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET

*Adapting Activities as
Dementia Progresses*

Presenter: Katie Frank, Ph.D., OTR/L

As dementia progresses an individual's ability to independently do personal care activities as well as hobbies and activities they used to enjoy can become compromised. This can be frustrating to caregivers who question why the individual no longer is able to do the things they used to be able



Thursday, September 26th 3:00
- 4:30 pm ET

*Positive Exposure: The
Beauty and Richness of
Human Diversity*

Presenter: Award winning fashion photographer and founder of Positive Exposure, Rick Guidotti,

This webinar will feature award-winning fashion photographer, Rick Guidotti. for an inspiring and uplifting talk on finding the beauty and humanity in disabilities of all forms. After a chance encounter in

to do so easily. A caregiver may need to offer different forms of assistance or provide more supervision. The individual may have trouble deciding what to do, how to start the task, or walk away before completing a task.

When working with adults with dementia, *everything* you do with them is an activity. This webinar will provide strategies to modify and adapt personal care and leisure activities throughout the stages of the dementia while ensuring the safety of the individual as well as the caregiver.

Bio: Katie Frank, PhD, OTR/L has worked as an occupational therapist and close colleague of Dr. Brian Chicoine at the Adult Down Syndrome Center in Park Ridge, IL since 2016 and in the field of occupational therapy since 2001. Dr. Frank is one of only a few occupational therapists in the country who specialize in working with adolescents and adults with Down syndrome. Dr. Frank's experience includes treatment and evaluation as well as facilitating groups for people with Down syndrome; conducting trainings for staff, families, and caregivers; and offering a variety of other educational opportunities across the United States. Her research has been published in peer-reviewed journals. She is the immediate past President of DSMIG-USA.

1997 with a young lady living with albinism at a bus stop in New York City, Rick undertook a quest to better understand albinism. This search led him to seek out medical textbooks, where he was affronted by the dehumanizing images depicting disease. It was this experience which prompted Rick to turn his lens from the more traditional ideas of beauty to the beauty and richness of human diversity. Rick is a fascinating and inspiring speaker with much to say on changing societal attitudes towards individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral, and intellectual difference. You won't want to miss this webinar and a chance to see Rick's beautiful photos!!

Rick Guidotti: Rick Guidotti, an award-winning photographer, worked in NYC, Milan, Paris and London for a variety of high-profile clients including Yves St Laurent, Revlon and L'Oreal. His work has been published in newspapers, magazines and journals as diverse as GQ, People, the American Journal of Medical Genetics, The Lancet, Spirituality and Health, the Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly and LIFE Magazine.

Rick has since spent more than twenty-five years collaborating internationally with advocacy organizations/NGOs, medical schools, universities and other educational institutions to change societies view of people with disabilities.

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