

Clinical Considerations: Providing Gambling Specific Counseling with the Deaf Community

Objectives

1. Participants will identify and recall 1-3 considerations for care within the Deaf community.
2. Participants will identify and recall 1-3 strategies for engagement, joining, and establishing the therapeutic relationship when working with clients within the Deaf community.
3. Participants will identify and recall 1-3 strategies for how to provide therapy within the family context.



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Program Description

This experiential workshop is designed to create an environment for clinicians to enhance their understanding of working with a range of problem gambling considerations and needs including working with clients with hearing disabilities. The workshop will discuss the timeline and scope of services provided to an individual through a Problem Gambling Helpline, including connection to Warm Transfer and the initiation and continuation of clinical telehealth services.

Service delivery also involves engagement with family members and interpreter services within the Deaf community. The workshop will present a robust and comprehensive delivery of services across the continuum of care for this individual and highlight how these specialized services and considerations supported trust within a clinical encounter. Applications of engagement, joining, and development of the therapeutic relationship will be reviewed for use to strengthen participants' clinical work.

Speaker Bio

Kenneth P. Buzzelli, LISW-S, LICDC-CS, GAMB is a licensed independent social worker with decades of clinical, supervisory, and program leadership experience in behavioral health. He currently serves as a Warm Transfer Specialist, providing timely information, engagement, and support to Ohioans during critical moments of decision-making related to gambling and behavioral health concerns. His work focuses on motivational engagement, resource navigation, and preparing individuals and families to access appropriate levels of care, including referrals to clinical therapy.

Throughout his career, Mr. Buzzelli has led clinical programs, supervised multidisciplinary teams, and delivered continuing education, with extensive experience working with individuals, families, and special populations. His ongoing role keeps him at the forefront of Ohio's evolving gambling landscape, strengthening his ability to integrate real-world system navigation, clinical insight, and practical strategies into his educational presentations.

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