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PRESENTATION TITLE:

A Comprehensive Developmental Approach to the Diagnostic Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorders

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) impact multiple areas of functioning, demanding a multidisciplinary approach to assessment, conceptualization, diagnosis, and intervention. With the prevalence of ASD at 1 in 68 children, clinicians need to be aware of risk factors and how to screen and assess for the disorder at every age of development. They also need to be aware of the impact of socio-cultural factors on diagnosis. This workshop will help school psychologists identify, assess, and diagnose symptoms of ASD from infancy through young adulthood using a comprehensive developmental approach to evaluation, focusing on state of the art measures and standards of best practice in the field.

Learning Objectives:

1. Recognize and define the key features of ASD
2. Identify common diagnostic differentials and comorbid conditions
3. Explain the components of a comprehensive developmental evaluation for ASD