

Master Clinician Series

Mind the Gap: Challenges Bridging the Divide in Care from Adolescence to Young Adulthood for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum

When: September 25, 2025, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Where: Live in-person at Butler Hospital, Back of Ray Hall
345 Blackstone Blvd, Providence, RI 02906

How: Registration Required:
<https://cme-learning.brown.edu/Mind-the-Gap>

Overview: When patients with autism and developmental disability are nearing the transition out of child specific services, there are often gaps in providers' knowledge of the types of services required and where to refer for services. On the adult side, there is often discomfort in treating these patients who have previously been seen by pediatric providers. This session will help folks understand the unique challenges faced by this age group with these diagnoses, and identify their own knowledge gaps, and become familiar with community resources.

Target Audience

This activity is designated for physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, and social workers.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be better able to:

- Describe the unique challenges faced by transitional age youth with autism and developmental disabilities.
- Identify one's own gaps in knowledge related to treating transitional age youth with autism and developmental disabilities.
- Describe educational and vocational needs that transitional age youth with autism and developmental disabilities may have and List resources available locally to help meet the varied needs of transitional age youth with autism and developmental disabilities.

Agenda

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Presentation</u> | <u>Speaker</u> |
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| 3:30 – 3:50 PM | Case Studies (2) of Transitional Age Youth with ASD | Elizabeth Olsen, MD & Amy Egof, MD |
| 3:50 – 4:40 PM | Panel Presentations Adult Service/Guardianship Medications in ASD Parent Education and Supports Psychosocial Interventions, Aids, and the Need for Autism-informed Environments ASD Treatment and Education | Gina Marini, LICSW Sara Armaiz-Flores, MD Susan Jewel, CCHW Ariana DeAngelis, M.Ed. |
| 4:40 – 4:50 PM | Audience Questions | Giulia Righi, PhD All Speakers |
| 4:50 – 5:00 PM | Closing Remarks | Course Chair(s) |

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Accreditation:

The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Physicians:

The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

Continuing Psychologist Education:

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Postgraduate Institute for Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP). The APA CEP Office maintains responsibility for the content of the programs.



- Credit Designation | This program offers 1.5 continuing education credits for psychologists.

Social Workers: An application has been submitted to the Rhode Island Social Work Board of Licensure.

Other Healthcare Professionals: Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance stating this program is designated for 1.5 hours *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.