

## **BABAT 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Social and Networking Event (Online Event)**

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

**10:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET**

BABAT is excited to announce our 10th annual Social and Networking Event, taking place online on Thursday, April 15th at 10 AM ET. Enjoy talks from experts in our field, networking opportunities with BABAT colleagues and earn up to 5.5 CEUs from the comfort of your own home or office.

Topics will include Risk Assessment in Functional Analysis, BACB Update from the Ethics Department, Leadership: Creating the Right Environment for Success, and Research, Dissemination, and the Global Pandemic: Reflections and Insights, as well as interactive breakout discussion on topics such as Response Interruption and Redirection (RIRD), ABA and Online Instruction and Telehealth.

### **Agenda:**

#### **10:00 AM – 10:10 AM Welcome Remarks**

**Speaker:**

Jill Harper, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

*Director of Professional Development, Clinical Training & Research, Melmark New England and BABAT Social and Media Director*

**Session Overview:**

Join emcee Jill Harper, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA for a brief welcome and overview of the day's sessions and format.

#### **10:10 AM – 12:00 PM BACB Update from Ethics Department and Q&A**

**Speaker:**

Tyra P. Sellers, J.D., Ph.D., BCBA-D

*Director of Ethics, Behavior Analyst Certification Board*

**Session Abstract:**

In this presentation, Dr. Sellers will review some useful resources available from the ethics department and how individuals and organizations can use these resources to support ethical behavior in practice. She will also discuss the history of ethics requirements and content from the BACB® and the newly released ethics code for behavior analysts (code) and supporting resources. Dr. Sellers will also share some considerations that might be helpful as individuals work to become familiar with the code in anticipation for its January 1, 2022 enforcement date.

*CEU: 2 Ethics*

**12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Interactive Breakout Discussions**

*Session Overview:*

Join moderators from the BABAT Board of Directors for smaller group breakout discussion on topics such as Response Interruption and Redirection (RIRD), ABA and Online Instruction and Telehealth. Breakout sessions will run twice during the day's event, so participants will have the opportunity to attend two topic areas.

*Breakout Discussion Moderators:*

Candice Colón-Kwedor, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

Nicole Davis, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

Ashley L. Williams, M.S., BCBA, LABA

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Risk Assessment in Functional Analysis Presentation and Q&A**

**Speaker:**

Stephanie Peterson, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

*Department Chair and Professor, Western Michigan University*

*Session Abstract:*

Risk-benefit analyses are essential in the decision-making process when selecting the most effective and least restrictive assessment and treatment options for clients. Clinical expertise, informed by the client's preferences and the research literature, is needed in order to determine the potential detrimental effects of a procedure against their expected benefits. Unfortunately, safety recommendations pertaining to the functional analysis (FA) are scattered or not consistently reported in the literature, which could lead some practitioners to misjudge the risks of the FA. In this presentation, I will present data from a survey we conducted to determine the perceived need for a risk assessment tool to evaluate risks prior to conducting an FA. Next, I will describe an interactive tool to assess risk, which provides suggestions to mitigate risks of an FA, as well as provide validity recommendations. Participants will be directed to where they can download the tool for their own use.

*CEU: 1 Learning*

**1:30 PM – 1:40 PM BREAK**

**1:40 PM – 3:10 PM Leadership: Creating the Right Environment for Success**

Speaker:

John Austin, Ph.D.

CEO, Reaching Results

*Session Abstract:*

Leadership is broad term that is often confused with management. Unfortunately, there is not a common definition of either term, and that makes practicing them more difficult. Dr. Austin will discuss the difference between leadership and management, he will ask participants to reflect on the behaviors of the best and worst leaders, and he will describe a model of behavioral leadership that accounts for

important aspects of leading, managing, self-management, and relationship management. He will leave the participants with some criteria for reflecting about their own leadership and management, as well as where they might improve.

*CEU: 1.5 Supervision*

### **3:10 PM – 3:40 PM      Interactive Breakout Discussions**

#### *Session Overview:*

Join moderators from the BABAT Board of Directors for smaller group breakout discussion on topics such as Response Interruption and Redirection (RIRD), ABA and Online Instruction and Telehealth. Be sure to catch a topic you didn't get a chance to attend during morning breakouts!

#### *Breakout Discussion Moderators:*

Candice Colón-Kwedor, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

Nicole Davis, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

Ashley L. Williams, M.S., BCBA, LABA

### **3:40 – 4:30 PM Research, Dissemination, and the Global Pandemic: Reflections and Insights**

#### *Moderator:*

Jill Harper, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

*Director of Professional Development, Clinical Training & Research, Melmark New England and BABAT Social and Media Director*

#### *Speakers:*

Jason Bourret, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

*Clinical Director, The New England Center for Children, Inc.*

Jonathan Tarbox, Ph.D., BCBA-D

*Program Director, Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis, University of Southern California*

#### *Session Abstract:*

This panel will begin with a brief introduction of the processes around conducting, writing, and disseminating research in the midst of a global pandemic. Each member of the panel will provide an overview of research and dissemination practices during the past year including examples of research projects and other scholarly activities related to the pandemic. The panel will then reflect on the impact of the pandemic on research practice and provide insights around future directions. Panel members will be asked a series of questions related to their experiences and perspectives and the audience will have the opportunity to ask general questions pertaining to topics selected for research, the process of conducting applied research, and the publication and review process during a global pandemic.

*CEU: 1 Learning*

**4:30 PM – 5:00 PM      Closing Remarks and Networking**

*Session Overview:*

Join emcee Jill Harper, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA for a recap of the day's sessions and informal networking with fellow participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Social and Networking Event!