Changing our Mindset: 
Viewing Developmental and Behavioral Challenges 
of Individuals who are Deaf through a Different Lens

Thursday, February 20, 2020
10:00 am to 4:00 pm (5.0 clock hours)
*Lunch on your own

Presenter
Sanjay Gulati, MD

Location
Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority
2140 Upper Wetumpka Rd, Montgomery, AL

“Structurally speaking, language deprivation is incomplete neurodevelopment. Functionally, it is an intellectual disability. Because language mediates and underlies nearly every human activity, those seeking to understand language deprivation must explore concepts and research from a wide variety of fields. That no single authority takes responsibility for a child’s language development may be the main reason that the syndrome persists.” Sanjay Gulati, 2019

Service providers are often frustrated when approaches that work with most deaf consumers fail with those who present with additional language and behavioral challenges. Dr. Gulati will argue for the need to see this population through a new lens, one that recognizes the complicated and confusing mesh of behavior, cognition and language inherent in deaf people with inadequate early exposure to language. He will review the current literature on language deprivation with emphasis on neuro-development and how this influences psycho-social development. The presenter will explore ways of adapting programming and service to be more effective with this population.
Thursday, February 20, 2020 (Deaf/Signing Providers)

AUDIENCE: FOR DEAF AND/OR SIGNING PROVIDERS: This session is targeted at service providers who specialize in some aspect of deafness including Mental Health Professionals, Nurses, Social Workers, Counselors, Rehabilitation Counselors, Case Managers, Psychologists, MH, SA, and DD Providers, Group Home Staff, Educators, Educational staff, Interpreters in Mental Health, Community Interpreters, Educational Interpreters, etc.

During this training, participants will gain a thorough understanding of the impact of language deprivation syndrome on aspects of cognition and development within the deaf community.

- Discuss the ideal developmental period for language for a child and why this period is considered “critical.”
- Discuss anatomical details of changes to the cerebral cortex that impact language acquisition over time.
- Learn how language deprivation not only results in communication dysfluency but has significant ramifications for executive functioning, including the ability to empathize with other.

After the training, participants will be able to:

- Understand the causalities and implications of Language deprivation syndrome to executive functioning.
- Recognize developmental disabilities that are subsequent to language deprivation.
- Identify new strategies to engage deaf and hard of hearing consumers.
- Develop resource strategies for effective treatment and service options
- Discuss considerations related to communication approaches.

Sanjay Gulati, MD, graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School and completed his residency in psychiatry at Albany Medical College, and then held a child psychiatry fellowship at Cambridge Hospital. Ever since, he has been on staff at the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services at Cambridge Hospital and the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program at Children’s Hospital, Boston. Dr. Gulati is also a professor at Harvard Medical School, researches in the area of language deprivation, and consults widely to schools and agencies. Drawing from personal experience as an individual with hearing loss, Dr. Sanjay Gulati is well-versed in the challenges and trials associated with deafness. The son of a surgeon and anesthesiologist, Dr. Gulati navigated medical school before the passage of the ADA. He surmounted each obstacle and, in the process, helped others to embrace hearing loss not as a constriction but as an opening door into a wider and better world.

Eligible participants must be in attendance for the full program to receive credit for completing the course.

The Alabama Department of Mental Health

- is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Alabama Board of Nursing and approves this program for 5.7 contact hours. ABNP0150, Expiration Date: July 12, 2021.
- is an approved as a provider of continuing education in social work by the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners and approves this program for 4.175 contact hours. Provider #0125, Expiration Date: January 31, 2020.

The Alabama Department of Mental Health Office of Deaf Services

- is an approved RID CMP Sponsor. This activity has been awarded 0.50 CEUS in the area of Professional Studies by The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf at the “some” Content Knowledge Level for CMP and ACET participants. Activity # 0263.0419.02.
- Has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP no. 6824. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC are clearly identified. The Alabama Department of Mental Health, Office of Deaf Services is solely responsible for all aspects of this program. Participants completing the program may earn up to a total of 5.0 CE Hours.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is approved by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) to sponsor continuing education credits for counselors. Sponsor number 00060639.
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Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Registration fee waived for employees of ADMH, QMHI-Supervisors, employees of CMHCs, and contracted SA provider agencies.

Payment may be made by PayPal (CTRL+click on your selection below)

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, OR TO SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION:

Checks written to ADARA/MHIT
Office of Deaf Services
Alabama Department of Mental Health
PO Box 301410, Montgomery, AL 36130
FAX: 334-242-0796
DACTS@mhit.org

In the event the workshop is cancelled, you will be notified by email. No refunds will be provided for participant cancellation.

Please print clearly. Once your registration is processed, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 7-10 business days, please contact us at DACTS@mhit.org. Only individuals who have received a confirmation email are considered registered.

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