

SPECIAL CHALLENGES FACING CHILDREN WITH ASD WHOSE PARENTS ARE SEPARATING

Free lecture by Dr Bob Adler

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WHO IS THE TRAINING FOR?

Mental Health Clinicians and other professionals such as psychologists, social workers, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, paediatricians, psychiatrists and registrars, working with children and young people on the ASD spectrum.

WHO PROVIDES THE TRAINING?

Dr Bob Adler is a consultant psychiatrist with a particular interest in forensic aspects of child and adolescent psychiatry, particularly in the areas of family law and child protection. For the past seven years Dr Adler has worked primarily in private practice.

Dr Adler graduated from the University of Sydney before moving to Newcastle and finally to Melbourne in 1985 as Professor/Director of Child and Family Psychiatry at the Royal Children's Hospital, a position he held until 1998. He was a member of the Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria from 1998 and President from July 2008 to June 2010. Dr Adler also worked at the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as a consultant psychiatrist between 1999 and 2012.

WHAT DOES THE TRAINING INCLUDE?

Parental separation is a challenging time for most children however, it can be particularly challenging for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Based on more than 20 years' experience of conducting assessments of parents, children and families for the Family Court, the author believes that moving between houses with different rules, particularly when separation has been acrimonious, is likely to be even more difficult for the child with ASD, given their inflexibility and resistance to change.

While these observations may seem obvious to experienced child and adolescent mental health clinicians, very little has been written about the issues facing children with ASD whose parents have separated or are in the process of separating.

This presentation will review the available literature as well as drawing on Dr Adler's own experience of children with ASD whose parents have commenced legal proceedings in the Federal Circuit Court or Family Court of Australia to consider the issues facing children with ASD and their parents.

Please note:

We encourage early registration as some workshops reach capacity quickly. Additional workshops may be scheduled if there is sufficient interest.

Where are we?

Mindful - Centre for Training and Research in Developmental Health
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 **DATE:** Thursday 5 March 2020
2pm-4pm

COST: Free

Places are limited. Attendees must register their interest by emailing mindful-asd@unimelb.edu.au and will receive a confirmation email.



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