



# COAAA Professional Education

February 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



## Substance Use Disorder and Older Adults: Sobering Thoughts

Although the diagnosis of substance use disorders is commonly associated with adolescents and young adults, substance abuse, among older adults is one of the fastest growing health problems in American society. Yet, despite this disheartening reality, substance use disorders in the aging population remain underestimated, misdiagnosed, and consequently perpetuate great complexities for empowering this population. This training will explore the complex phenomenon of substance use disorders specific to older adults and highlight evidence-based treatment strategies for consumers.

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### Presenter:

**Dr. Brian L. Bethel is a Professional Clinical Counselor-Supervisor (LPCC-S)**, a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDCIII), and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S) with specialized training in counseling children, adolescents, and families.

Dr. Bethel earned his PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from Ohio University where he also earned dual Master's Degrees in Clinical Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling. With over twenty years of clinical practice, Dr. Bethel brings a diversity of strengths to his clinical practice. As the founder and director of Interplay Counseling and Consultation Services, LLC, Dr. Bethel operates a private counseling practice and provides educational services to community organizations. He has dedicated much of his professional career to working with individuals impacted by trauma and continues to serve as a Mental Health Clinician for a Child Advocacy Center that serves children and families across Southern and Southeastern Ohio.



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### Objectives:

Upon completion of this training participants will:

- ◆ Have an increased understanding of the disease model of substance use disorders
- ◆ Be competent in discussing the epidemiology of substance use among the older adult population
- ◆ Gain additional knowledge regarding research-supported treatment for consumers with substance use disorders

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### Continuing Education Units 3.0

3.0 Social Work Clock Hours (#RSX059002) 3.0 Counselor Clock Hours (#RCX109207)

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Registration Form

Deadline Feb 7

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Special accommodations needed due to disability:

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Licensure  Social Worker  Nurse  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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