

# **New Perspectives on Marijuana**

## **Program Description**

Designed for human service professionals working in the substance use field, this workshop will explore the challenges providers may encounter when working with clients using cannabis. The information discussed will cover the positive and negative aspects of cannabis use. Participants will learn about the culture of cannabis use, and identify skills to help motivate clients to consider change. Counselors who have experience working with patients using THC/marijuana are encouraged to attend, as this training is considered to have an advanced perspective on the subject.

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify criteria for cannabis use disorders.
- Discuss trends in cannabis use in the US.
- Discuss positive and negative consequences of cannabis use.
- Develop skills that could enhance motivation for the cannabis user to engage in treatment.
- Identify evidenced based prevention and intervention program models for someone with a cannabis use disorder.

## **Target Audience**

Substance abuse and mental health professionals including psychologist, licensed professional counselors, licensed clinical social workers, licensed clinical addiction specialists, case managers, qualified professionals, marriage and family therapists or others interested in the topic

## **Contact Hours**

4.0 contact hours

## **Program Agenda**

- Hour 1: The good and the bad of THC consumption
- Hour 2: Current research and developments
- Break: 15 minutes
- Hour 3: Addressing THC use in a clinical setting
- Hour 4: Working with families and Final discussion

## **Faculty**

**Brandon Robinson, LCAS, LPC, CCS**, has over 15 years of experience as a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist, and Certified Clinical Supervisor. Mr. Robinson has served as a clinical director for a number of different outpatient addiction treatment programs. Most notably, Mr. Robinson provided clinical oversight of Wake County's nationally accredited Drug Court program for 8 years. He currently owns a private practice and provides clinical supervision for a program in Raleigh that treats males 18-30 years old with primary addiction disorders. Mr. Robinson has worked in other settings including substance abuse and mental health inpatient care

for adolescents and adults, in home outpatient care for families and children, and residential services for youth with history of sexual offenses.

.