



Language Assessment Strategies for Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Children

Presented by: Teresa Girolamo, PhD

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Course Description

Though clinicians and researchers strive to conduct fair and equitable assessment, it is impossible to know each and every child's cultural and linguistic background. This session provides an overview of an approach to interpret and use language assessment performance for culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) school-age children. This intermediate-level course will cover how to take into account a child's cultural and linguistic background from pre- through post-assessment and how clinicians and researchers can accumulate evidence to support appropriate evaluations about language ability of CLD children. In turn, more valid conclusions lead to better decision-making and quality of care.

Learner Outcomes

As a result of this activity, the participants will be able to:

1. Describe two ways in which consideration of culturally and linguistically diverse identities should guide language assessment.
2. List three strategies for being responsive to the identities of culturally and linguistically diverse school-age children.
3. Apply a unified model of validity to language assessment of culturally and linguistically diverse school-age children.

Time-ordered Agenda

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| 2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. | Considerations when assessing culturally and linguistically diverse children |
| 2:10 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. | How to be responsive to the identities of culturally and linguistically diverse children |
| 2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | A unified model of validity |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Case studies |
| 2:45 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. | Conclusion |
| 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Questions & Answers |

About the Presenter

Teresa Girolamo, PhD, is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Connecticut and an incoming assistant professor in the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at San Diego State University. Her research involves language acquisition in individuals with language impairment, particularly in autistic Black, Indigenous, and Other People of Color (BIPOC) adolescents and young adults and non-autistic individuals with developmental language disorder, as well as efficacious strategies for language assessment.

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