**Absence of Objection is Not Sufficient - Incorporating Assent Based Clinical Practices in Supported Living Settings**

Limited research and education exists on incorporating assent-based practices into clinical programing for adults in supported living settings. Typically, practitioners of ABA place great importance on obtaining informed consent, however, there are few resources or studies on how to define, obtain and/or practice assent-based clinical programing. It can also be challenging to determine assent from someone with limited verbal behaviour, or high rates of challenging behaviour. This presentation will focus on the journey from educating, to actively incorporating assent-based practices within Kerry’s Place Support Living clinical services. This presentation will also focus on practical applications and case studies which demonstrate the success of assent-based programming in different domains.

Learning Objective 1: Participants will learn the process of how to define assent.

Learning Objective 2: Participants will be able to understand and identify potential barriers in defining and obtaining assent in supportive living settings, as well as ways to mitigate barriers.

Learning Objective 3: Participants will understand the ethical and practical responsibilities around obtaining assent

Learning Objective 4: Participants will learn about successful case study examples of how assent was incorporated into the persons supported programs.