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**2025 Tier 3 Workshops for February**  
**Virtual Learning Opportunity – Tier 3 Workshop:**  
Conducting Ecologically Valid Research with Adults with Autism  
and Intellectual Disabilities: Promoting Functional and  
Socially Valid Outcomes in Adult Treatment Settings

Presented by Dr. John Guercio

**February 13, 2025**  
**11:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

This training details the necessity of using ecologically valid research methods when conducting research with adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or other Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) (Fahmie et al., 2023). This workshop will provide practical examples of how research can be conducted, examples of functional scientific endeavors, and treatment contexts present. The information will enable practitioners working with adults to better evaluate research conducted with this population. The workshop will cover staff training research as well as functional applied research, with problem behavior in adults with ASD and IDD.

**Objectives:**

- Identify key components of ecological validity as they apply to research.
- Identify the design of research studies to determine the degree of ecological validity that is present.
- Participants will select the most suitable contexts to conduct and evaluate ecologically valid research related to socially valid functional outcomes.

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For more information about the Tier 3 Workshop, please email [BAT@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:BAT@dmh.mo.gov).

**Target Audience:**

- Behavioral Service Providers
- Other interested stakeholders

