

New Jersey Society for Clinical Social Work
Presents



“GAMING ADDICTION”

Presented by Andrew Walsh, MSW, MHRM, LSW

2 Clinical CEUs provided by the NJSCSW, a recognized provider of Continuing Education Units by the NJ State Board of Social Work Examiners (The workshop will be via ZOOM: online workshop)

Free to Members, \$60.00 for Non-Members

Date: Sunday, March 21, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Video game addiction was officially recognized as an official disorder by the World Health Organization in 2018. News media outlets immediately started publishing dramatic stories regarding children being hopelessly addicted to video games. Other publications quoted professionals who refuted video game addiction as a real disorder. As video game addiction became a topic of national conversation, professionals looked for studies and resources on how to identify and treat it.

Educational Objectives: Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Learn screening tools for video game addiction.
2. List two aspects of how video games affect the brain
3. Describe three similarities between video game addiction and substance use disorder.

Andrew Walsh is a therapist, writer, advisor, and researcher. For the past three years Andrew has focused on issues that youth and young adults face. He is a faculty member of the Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies where he has taught courses on the impact of video games and social media. Andrew's book *Video Game Addiction 101: The Latest Behavioral Disorder* was published in 2019. He works extensively as a presenter speaking at conferences, schools, and professional organizations. Andrew holds two master's degrees from Rutgers.

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