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## **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER FOR CORRECTIONS**

**DATE:** February 10, 2026

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Jacksonville Regional Training Facility

940 Hoagland ROAD, Jacksonville, IL

**INSTRUCTOR:** Gail Sullivan - MA

**Meets IL Mandates: No mandates**

**This course is pending ILETSB approval**

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### **PURPOSE OF COURSE:**

This course has been designed for the purpose of addressing the issue of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) as it specifically relates to people who are incarcerated in county jails. It is designed to provide information and understanding to officers as they provide for inmates who display signs and symptoms of this disorder.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION.**

Inmates who display signs and symptoms of ASD present unique challenge to the corrections system because of their presenting issues such as social communication, behavioral difficulties, and environmental sensory sensitivities. This course will provide officers with an understanding of ASD. Including signs and symptoms, the wide range of ASD challenges within the jail system, appropriate responses to ASD inmates, measures for reducing facility disruption, symptom reduction techniques for ASD inmates, de-escalation approaches ASD inmates and recommendations for an increase in officers sensitivity and knowledge.

**Non-Member Tuition:** **\$0.00\*\*** Non-member tuition shall apply to State/Federal agencies and Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not members of MTU #9. Tuition will be invoiced to departments upon course completion. If a pre-registered student from a Non-Member agency fails to attend training, and the agency fails to provide advance notice within 7 days of the start date of that class, the agency will be invoiced the entire amount of the student's tuition. [See Tuition Policy Here](#)

**No Shows/Cancellation Policy:** West Central IL Criminal Justice Council-MTU #9 has instituted a No Show/Cancellation fee of \$50.00 to be invoiced to member/non-member agencies who do not provide sufficient notice of cancellations seven (7) days before start of class. This Fee will be invoiced within a week of an officer's absence from a training course in which he/she was registered. If an agency is unable to provide advance notice of its intent to cancel course registration because of circumstances beyond its control, the Director will have the discretion to waive this payment. Any requests to waive No Show/Cancellation Fee the Director in writing. (View Full Policy [HERE](#))

**To Register:** Follow this link to Register: <https://mtu9.org/page/3/register-now> If you experience problems or issues with registration, please email [register@mtu9.org](mailto:register@mtu9.org). **ALL** registrations must go through your Sheriff, Chief, or Training Officer.

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