



Welcome to **MINDFUL MONDAY!**

Join us for **Mindful Monday**, presentation followed by Q&A.
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Presentation: Autism Information & How it affects During

Presenter: Melissa Shearer

Date: Monday, August 17, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Overview: Autism affects how people communicate, connect with others, and experience the world. We will learn more about the ways it can influence daily life in/out of the courtroom.

Bio: Melissa Shearer leads the Mental Health Division of the Travis County Public Defender's Office, which serves community members facing criminal charges, complicated by significant challenges with mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities. She is a frequent consultant and presenter on best practices for zealous advocacy and support of individuals with multiple disabilities. Shearer is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Social Work ('97) and the University of Colorado School of Law ('02).