

LP Introduction to Co-Occurring Disorders Part I: Theoretical Perspectives, Practices, and Principles for Integrated COD Services

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Virtual Training

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- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT)
- Motivational Interviewing (MI)
- Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment (DDCAT)
- Dual Diagnosis Capability in Mental Health Treatment (DDCMHT) Tobacco Recovery Across the Continuum (TRAC)

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DESCRIPTION: This workshop describes and discusses the current ASAM analysis of addiction for co-occurring disorders treatment professionals who seek a better understanding of the disease of addiction. The addictions field continues to advance in regards to the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver effective interventions for those in need of services to promote recovery. Included in these advancements is an increased understanding of dynamics that are essential to master in order to have the greatest possible impact on positive client outcomes, unique to particular cross-sections of the population. While the treatment technology associated with best results for addictions treatment among individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) has been better understood and articulated for several decades, persistent misunderstanding of the needs of this population and the nuances of service delivery are still pervasive in many treatment settings. This session will highlight ten considerations that are essential for programs that are providing treatment to individuals with SPMI and the role of those considerations in service delivery. Clients with COD are at higher risk than general population for detrimental effects of substance abuse. Harm reduction and other whole health/wellness approaches have become vital components to have available for individuals seeking care from effective COD treatment programs. Typical negative consequences of substance abuse that are the focus of health promoting interventions include physical effects (e.g., chronic illnesses, sexually transmitted diseases, general wellness), social effects (e.g., loss of family support, victimization), self-care and independent functioning (e.g., mental illness relapses, malnutrition, housing instability, unemployment, incarceration), and use of substances in unsafe situations (e.g., driving while intoxicated).

OBJECTIVES: At the end of the program, the participants will be able to:

- Define addiction and its impact on behavior, cognition, and emotion.
- Describe the basic neurobiological processes present in substance addiction.
- Explain the conceptual framework associated with the Quadrant Model of Co-Occurring Disorders
- Describe ten unique considerations for AOD treatment with individuals diagnosed with an SPMI.
- Recognize necessary modifications to "treatment as usual" that are essential to effective work with individuals who have an SPMI.
- Define and describe Harm Reduction and its application for the recovery process for co-occurring disorders.

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