

Effective, July 1, 2018 our substance use disorder (SUD) system began transitioning from the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, per a mandate from the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP). Currently, we have three different training options to assist providers and internal staff with making the transition. To make the best of our resources, and to place learners in the proper training, we are asking that the following questionnaire be completed.

Once your submission has been reviewed, we will make the determination of which training is most appropriate based upon your responses. If you meet the criteria for the requested training(s), you will be sent a link to register for an upcoming training. You will receive a response in the beginning of the month. Feel free to contact [ASAMphila@gmail.com](mailto:ASAMphila@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **SKILLS BUILDING TRAINING**

### **Description**

This application-focused training provides an in-depth look at the ASAM Criteria, including clinically driven services, biopsychosocial assessment, the six dimensions, continued stay and transfer/discharge criteria. Incorporating the ASAM Criteria (3rd edition), trainees practice skills at all service stages: assessment, engagement, service planning, continuing care and transfer/discharge.

*\*This training is a mandatory pre-requisite for the 3-day Implementation Leader training.*

### **Length**

2-day training: (40 people max per session)

### **Who should attend?**

The staff members should be limited to staff who currently conduct the PCPC assessments or those who play a part in the decision-making process. All attendees should be credentialed counselors or clinicians, certified addictions counselors, registered nurses, psychologists and physicians, etc.

Required minimum education:

- Bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited college with a major in dependency, psychology, social work, nursing, or other related fields
- PLUS, one (1) year of paid experience in a drug and alcohol treatment program as a counselor.

OR

- Associate degree from an accredited college with a major in dependency, psychology, social work, nursing (with a specialty in the human services), or another related field.
- PLUS, a minimum of two (2) years (3,640 hours) paid experience in the last five (5) years working in a drug and alcohol treatment program as a counselor.

## **THE ASAM CRITERIA IMPLEMENTATION LEADER TRAINING ("IMPLEMENTATION CHAMPIONS")**

### **Description**

This training emphasizes processes and models for assessing the field, the equipment and what needs to change to support the new model. Implementation Leaders are “foot soldiers” in the ASAM Criteria implementation process because of their clinical knowledge and leadership in their communities and programs. Implementation Leaders develop awareness about thoughtful planning, communication and appropriate system change strategies to drive implementation and sustainability, as well as coaching and supervising others on the Criteria. All attendees receive a Training Journal and The ASAM Criteria Implementation Leader Support Tool as part of the training.

Individual and/or team calls are conducted to enhance additional understanding of the nuances of the Criteria and the ongoing “real world” implementation issues. Coaching helps Change Agents and the agency identify and plan for improvements needed in relation to findings of The ASAM Criteria Implementation Leader Support Tool. The coaching calls also provide support and accountability for the related improvement processes.

### **Length**

3-day training with 2 hours of coaching: *(25 people max per session)*

### **Who should attend?**

Position in a leadership role (with or without title, but in personal alignment with key concepts and spirit of *The ASAM Criteria*) who will be in charge of supporting the successful implementation of the ASAM at your agency. Agencies will be limited to no more than 3 ASAM Implementation Champions.

## **E-LEARNING INTRODUCTION TO THE ASAM**

### **Description**

These 2 modules taken together will provide the learner with an overview of the ASAM with a look into the various dimensions are utilized to determine a level of care.

- Module 1: Multidimensional Assessment
- Module 2: From Assessment to Service Planning and Level of Care

*\*This course does not fulfill the DDAP requirement for being able to conduct the ASAM.*

### **Length**

Approximately 4 hours

### **Who should attend?**

This course should be completed by staff who need to understand the ASAM, but who will not be conducting the assessment. Example of staff who should take this training include:

- Certified Recovery Specialists
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Assistants
- Case Managers, etc.