

Connecticut SUD 1115 Demonstration Ambulatory Training Requirements

All agencies participating in Connecticut's 1115 SUD Waiver Demonstration and operating ambulatory substance use treatment levels of care have been provided access to the courses below offered through the Change Companies. Additionally, clinical leadership from these agencies will be provided access to in-person ASAM skill building courses in 2023. To help promote system wide adoption of the ASAM criteria, completion of the identified ASAM trainings will be required for full certification under Connecticut's 1115 SUD Demonstration. These trainings are due by 10/15/2023. Recognizing that agencies may have established training processes to ensure staff are knowledgeable about Motivational Interviewing and the Transtheoretical Stages of Change Model, the State has elected not to provide these trainings directly. Agencies must submit proof that the required staff have completed equivalent trainings by an accredited continuing education provider within the last three years.

In an effort to help support the adoption of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria as part of Connecticut's 1115 SUD Demonstration Advanced Behavioral Health and The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services have partnered with Train for Change to offer a Two-day ASAM Criteria Skill Building Training in 2023. This training aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of theoretical and clinical applications of the ASAM criteria including biopsychosocial assessment, the six dimensions, continued stay and transfer/discharge criteria. Participants will have the opportunity for skill practice at applying the ASAM criteria in every stage of the treatment process. As part of the 1115 SUD Demonstration's training plan the State is requesting that each agency providing residential SUD services send one member of their clinical leadership team to this training. We would like to utilize this opportunity to train key personnel that can serve as clinical leaders during the ASAM adoption process. Questions regarding trainings requirements associated with the 1115 SUD Demonstration can be made to Robert.Haswell@ct.gov

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Connecticut 1115 SUD Demonstration Ambulatory Provider Training Grid		
Training Area	Content Area	Required Staff
ASAM Model Trainings	<i>Introduction to ASAM Criteria</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Clinical Supervisors · Masters Level Behavioral Health Providers · Non-Licensed staff providing therapeutic services <p>Agencies must demonstrate that required staff have completed the ASAM Model Trainings provided by the Change Companies to obtain full certification</p>
	<i>From Assessment to Service Planning and Level of Care</i>	
	<i>Multi-Dimensional Assessment</i>	
	<i>ASAM Criteria Skill Building (Two Day)</i>	
Motivational Interviewing	<i>The Spirit of Motivational Interviewing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Clinical Supervisors · Masters Level Behavioral Health Providers · Non-Licensed staff providing therapeutic services <p>Agencies must demonstrate that required staff have completed these trainings provided by the Change Companies or equivalent trainings by an accredited continuing education provider within the last three years to obtain full certification</p>
	<i>Engagement with Motivational Interviewing</i>	
	<i>Focusing with Motivational Interviewing</i>	
	<i>Evoking with Motivational Interviewing</i>	
	<i>Planning with Motivational Interviewing</i>	
Transtheoretical Stages of Change	<i>Understanding the Transtheoretical Stages of Change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Clinical Supervisors · Masters Level Behavioral Health Providers · Non-Licensed staff providing therapeutic services <p>Agencies must demonstrate that required staff have completed these trainings provided by the Change Companies or equivalent trainings by an accredited continuing education provider within the last three years to obtain full certification</p>
<p>*Please note this training is designed to develop skills in clinically driven services, biopsychosocial assessment, the ASAM six dimensions, continued stay/transfer discharge criteria. Agencies are encouraged to send leaders that can influence the ASAM adoption process at both a policy and direct clinical practice level.</p>		