



Certified Peer Support Specialist Program

Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
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PROJECT UPDATES

- Opted-in to CalMHSA's Peer Certification Program
- CalMHSA's certification application and scholarship program launched May 2022; certification exam launch is planned for December 2022
- SAPC preparation for certified Peer Support Specialist entry into SUD system:
 - Rate setting and peers policy development
 - SAPC's peer webpage development
 - EHR system configuration
 - Landscape survey
 - Hosted a scholarship application technical assistance session

Certification Scholarships

- 5,000 Medi-Cal Peer Support Certification scholarships available for the State
 - The deadline for requesting scholarships for grandparenting and initial certification is **11/30/2022**
- In order to be considered for a scholarship, individuals must be recommended by SAPC in addition to completing an application on the CaIMHSA website.
 - **REMINDER:** If you are interested in recommending yourself or someone else for a scholarship, please complete the [Scholarship Recommendation Form](#) as soon as possible.

Resources for Agencies

- [DHCS Peer Certification Webpage](#)
- [CaMHSA Website](#)
- [CaMHSA's Peer Certification Webpage](#)
 - [Test Preparation Guide](#)
 - [Peer Certification FAQs](#)
- [SAPC's Certified Peer Support Specialist Program Webpage](#)
 - [Scholarship Recommendation Form](#)
- Contact CaMHSA at Peercertification@calmhsa.org
- Contact SAPC at SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov



Provider Manual 7.0 Updates

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Access to Care

- Summary of SASH, CENS, and CORE Center Referral Process
 - “Negative results”

If the screening results do not indicate a provisional LOC, however there is reasonable suspicion that an individual might meet medical necessity for treatment services, SASH, CENS, and CORE must refer to a non-residential LOC setting who can initiate care and conduct an assessment through the engagement period prior to the establishment of medical necessity.



Early Intervention Services – ASAM 0.5

- SAPC INFORMATIONAL NOTICE 22-17 - *Early Intervention Services for Youth and Young Adults* - released on October 20, 2022
- Replaces ASAM 1.0 At-Risk (AR) level of care
- Services must be “**medically necessary**” to ameliorate or correct a substance misuse related condition -- a SUD diagnosis is not required.
- Primarily focuses on psychoeducation but includes other services to reduce or cease substance use and progression into a SUD diagnosis.

Authorization Request & Eligibility Verification

- Determined to be “At-Risk” for a SUD using *ASAM Screener for Youth and Young Adults*
- Authorization requests for Early Intervention Services must be submitted through Sage using the *ASAM 0.5 Authorization Grouping* with an appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code.
- Upload an electronic copy of the *ASAM Screener for Youth and Young Adults*
- Ensure and verify patient meets other service requirements e.g., eligibility for Drug Medi-Cal.

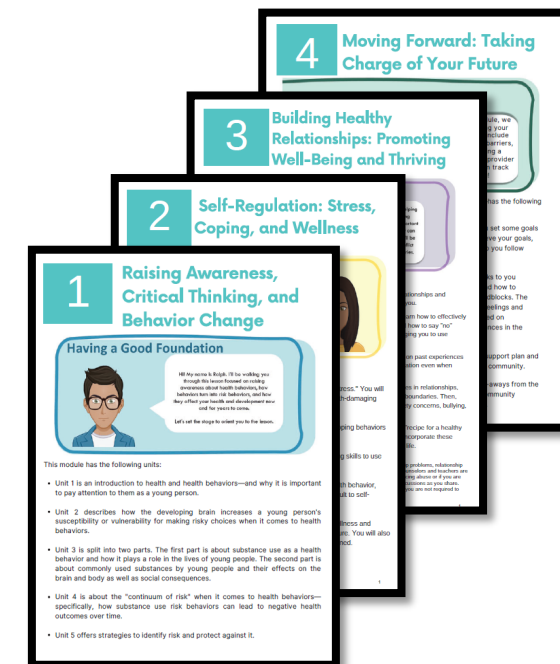
ASAM Screener for Youth and Young Adults

- ASAM 0.5: Replaced the *SAPC Youth Screener*
- All contracted youth and adult treatment providers, and all entryways (CENS, SASH and CORE), must use this screener.
- If the youth/young adult requires a higher level of care, a full ASAM assessment must be completed.
- Training on the screener will be provided – see SAPC training schedule.

Healthy Youth Early Intervention Curriculum

- ❑ An evidence-based psychoeducational program
- ❑ Developed in collaboration with Azusa Pacific University
- ❑ All providers must complete required training on curriculum by **June 30, 2023**
- ❑ Email attestation form to

sapcmonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov



Additional Requirements

- ASAM 0.5 replaced Adult At-Risk services provided by the CENS for individuals aged 18 through 20 years.
- All outstanding ASAM 1.0 AR claims must be submitted to SAPC by October 31, 2022.
- A contract change notice for the addition of ASAM 0.5 Early Intervention Services level of care will be sent out for each provider servicing the targeted age group.



For More Information:

❖ **Certified Peer Support Program:**

- SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov

❖ **Provider Manual:**

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