



## Provider Notice

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*This is being sent on behalf of the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS).*

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you are aware, substance use typically begins during adolescence, and for some youth progresses to substance use disorders (SUD) by age 18. The existing system of care for children, adolescents, and young adults in Virginia has grown to include education for health care providers taking care of these citizens with mental health conditions; however, initiatives to increase education on symptom recognition and treatment intervention for underage substance use remain limited.

The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) is excited to announce the launch of Using the ASAM Criteria as a Treatment Matching Tool for Adolescents with Marc Fishman, MD, FASAM. This 4-part webinar series will offer a clinical overview of adolescent and young adult substance use; covering various aspects of assessment, early intervention and treatment, family engagement, specialty care for ID/DD patients, and pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic aspects of treatment relevant to the non-specialist and specialist alike.

This is a foundational training for integrated care. The intended audience are all **mental health and medical professionals** specializing in child, adolescent, and young adult mental health. We are offering two identical virtual sessions for convenience. Please do not sign up for both, but we encourage people to sign up for all four trainings as they are designed to build upon each other.

National data indicate the key barriers faced in the implementation of screening for substance use exposure and disorders among adolescent and young adult patients are time constraints, challenges related to parental involvement, a perceived lack of effectiveness of brief intervention services, and lack of training in providing brief intervention. To address this limitation, sessions focus on:

1. Addressing youth substance use: developmental vulnerability, screening, assessment, brief intervention
2. Substances and treatment: from cannabis to opioids
3. Family engagement and Telehealth Resources

4. ASAM Criteria: The treatment continuum, referral, coordinating specialty care
5. Specialty Care Coordination for ID/DD patients

The series will provide practical tools for clinical management of problem substance use in adolescents and young adults in the context of general practice, strategies for engagement of their families, and guidance navigating the specialty treatment system. Sessions will feature didactic material, clinical scenarios, case illustrations, and participant discussion.

Two sets of session dates offered 10 am -12 pm each day:

- Session 1: 2/8, 2/22, 3/3, and 3/8
- Session 2: 3/31, 4/7, 4/14 and 4/21

You can register

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If you have any questions, please reach out to Mia McCoy at [mia.mccoy@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:mia.mccoy@dbhds.virginia.gov)

We look forward to your attendance and support of OCFS' mission to expand the existing model of care for young adult and adolescent substance use treatment across the Commonwealth.



Marc Fishman MD is an addiction psychiatrist, and leads Maryland Treatment Centers / Mountain Manor, a regional behavioral healthcare provider, which offers programs for residential and outpatient SUD and co-occurring treatment for youth and adults. He is a member of the psychiatry faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His academic and research work has focused on addiction pharmacotherapy; models of care for youth, particularly with OUD; and treatment placement and matching strategies. Dr. Fishman served as a co-editor for the most recent editions of the ASAM Criteria for the Treatment of Substance-Related Disorders. He served as a past President (2010-12) of the DC-Maryland Society of Addiction Medicine, and is a current member of its Board.

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