Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse: Trends, Treatment and Recovery

As increased drug and substance abuse takes its toll on our Upper Peninsula; this workshop reaches for a broader understanding of the major forces of that abuse which shape its values, behaviors, and institutions and how it relates to social justice. It is designed to give the student a better perspective as it relates to substance abuse here in the U.P. and to increase practitioner’s confidence in providing effective services to clients with drug abuse and addiction issues. This evidence based workshop will additionally use Dimension Six of the ASAM Treatment Plan Dimensions to show how to help the client have the greatest likelihood of success.

Participant Objectives

• Understand current dynamics & recent trends of substance abuse within the U.P.
• Students will understand the impact of substance abuse in the UP and the trauma certain drugs bring to the UP.
• Learn what the “Recovery Environment” is for clients in substance abuse counseling.
• Collaborate in creating a map of resources in the Upper Peninsula as a way of visualizing the “Recovery Environment” for addicts in recovery in the Upper Peninsula.
• Identify shortcomings in the “recovery Environment” in the Upper Peninsula and help identify strategies for improvement.
• Define Prescription drug abuse & dependency and provide profiles of those affected.
• Understand the context for the increase being seen in the UP treatment programs in prescription drug abuse and addiction.
• Adapt assessment and diagnosis skills to the UP population including a review of how the new criteria in DSM-V may affect diagnosis.
• Explore the special issues in treatment planning for clients from a bio psychosocial perspective with emphasis on overdose, withdrawal, pain management, polydrug abuse, co-occurring anxiety and depression, support systems, and grief.
• Explore the issues of adapting counseling to clients receiving Suboxone or other drug replacement therapies.
• Review evidence based practices for prescription drug addicted clients and explores how they can be incorporated into current treatment/counseling.

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2. 6 Social Work Substance Abuse Continuing Education Hours MCBAP Approved

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