



Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

SERVICE NAME	Substance Use Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Evaluation
Setting	Professional office environment, clinic, mental health substance use center, private practice, teleservice or other environment appropriate to the provision of evaluation/assessment services.
Facility License	As required by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)-Division of Public Health
Service Description	<p>A Substance Use Evaluation is a clinical, strengths-based evaluation of an individual experiencing substance use symptoms. This evaluation must be completed prior to the initiation of any substance use treatment services. The Substance Use Evaluation is a process of gathering information to assess youth functioning and needs based on identification of the presenting problem, evaluation of past and present symptoms, formulation of a diagnostic impression (as applicable) and recommendation for treatment services/strategies.</p> <p>The Substance Use Evaluation will include a substance use diagnostic impression (as applicable), history of substance use symptoms, trauma history/symptoms, criminogenic risk, risk of harm to self and/or others, the youth’s perception of the situation and collateral information. Based on the evaluation, recommendations are provided and justified for appropriate behavioral health services and treatment.</p> <p>The Substance Use Evaluation may include a recommendation for further mental health evaluation, if supported and not already identified. The evaluation will meet all of the requirements of the Standardized Model for the Delivery of Substance Use Services.</p>
Service Expectations	<p>A Substance Use Evaluation is completed by an appropriately licensed behavioral health professional and includes the following components/updates during the clinical interview and in the narrative report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identification of the source of the initial Substance Use Evaluation, including the date and clinician completing the evaluation, along with initial treatment recommendations ○ Summarize the following from the initial Substance Use Evaluation and provide any updated information: ○ Demographics ○ Presenting Problem/Primary Complaint ○ Medical History ○ Work/School/Military History

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alcohol/Drug History and Summary ○ Legal/Criminal History ○ Family/Social/Peer History ○ Psychiatric/Behavioral Health History ○ Collateral Information – contact probation/problem-solving court officer for any updates ○ Use of the current edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement Criteria to guide recommended treatment interventions. ○ Clinical Impression, including diagnostic impression and findings (if applicable), amenability to treatment, internal motivation, justification for diagnosis/diagnoses or lack thereof and relationship between substance use and criminogenic risk. ○ Recommendations, including identifying the primary/ideal level of care, barriers to the recommendations/available level of care, client/family response to the recommendations, identification of who needs to be involved in the client’s treatment, treatment plan that includes transitioning to lower levels of care/discharge planning, a means to evaluate the client’s progress during treatment and measure outcomes at discharge, recommended linkages with community resources and any areas for further evaluation <p>Approved Reporting Format: The Substance Use Evaluation written report must be provided in the Probation-approved reporting format only as detailed on the appropriate evaluation worksheet.</p>
Service Frequency	A Substance Use Addendum may be completed if determined clinically necessary to update the information in the Substance Use Evaluation.
Length of Stay	Evaluation must be completed and sent to the probation/problem solving court staff officer within the timeframe set by the court, including statutorily 21 or 30-day evaluations. Timeframes are per Nebraska Revised Statute 43-281. Adjudication of jurisdiction; temporary placement for evaluation; restrictions on placement; copy of report or evaluation. For a juvenile in detention, the court shall order that such evaluation be completed and the juvenile returned to the court within twenty-one days after the evaluation. For a juvenile who is not in detention, the evaluation shall be completed and the juvenile returned to the court within thirty days.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physician ● Physician Assistant (PA) ● Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – Nurse Practitioner (APRN-NP) ● Licensed Psychologist ● Provisionally Licensed Psychologist ● Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP) • Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP) • Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) • Provisionally Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PLADC) • All providers must hold a current, valid Nebraska license through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Division of Public Health and must act within their scope of practice. • All providers must be trained in trauma-informed care, recovery principles and crisis management <p>AND have completed the Standardized Model requirements and the state approved CASI training. All providers must hold a current, valid Nebraska license through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Division of Public Health and must act within their scope of practice.</p>
Staff to Client Ratio	1 therapist to 1 youth
Hours of Operation	Providers are expected to be flexible in scheduling which may include evening and/or weekend availability.
Service Desired Outcomes	The Substance Use Evaluation will identify any or substance use diagnostic impressions and provide treatment recommendations along with the clinical justification for the recommended services.
Unit and Rate	One evaluation; see rate sheet

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