

Advanced Adult Treatment Provider Training

Session 1: Introduction to the ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition: Enhancing Treatment Planning in Justice Settings

August 12, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. ET | 75 minutes

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This session offers a foundational introduction to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement Criteria, Fourth Edition, focusing on its application within treatment court settings. As the field transitions from the third to the fourth edition, treatment providers are expected to align their assessment, placement, and care planning practices with the updated criteria. Participants will explore the evolution of the ASAM Criteria, review key updates in the fourth edition, and deepen their understanding of the six assessment dimensions and the continuum of care. Through practical examples, this session will demonstrate how the ASAM framework supports individualized treatment planning, accurate placement decisions, and improved outcomes for justice-involved individuals. Attendees will leave with greater confidence in applying the ASAM Criteria to guide ethical, evidence-based care across all phases of treatment court involvement.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify key updates in the ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition, and explain their relevance to addiction treatment in justice settings.
2. Apply the six dimensions of the ASAM assessment to develop individualized, clinically driven treatment plans.
3. Use the ASAM Criteria to guide level-of-care decisions that support continuity of care and recovery outcomes for treatment court participants.

Presenter(s):

Julie Seitz, L.G.S.W., M.S.W., L.A.D.C., is a project director with Impaired Driving Solutions (IDS), a division of All Rise. She joined IDS in 2018, bringing over 20 years of experience in the clinical sector and community program development. Prior, she was the clinical director of an internationally recognized treatment center offering the continuum of clinical care, including a first-of-its-kind, direct-access opioid withdrawal unit. Recognizing the many pathways to recovery and the need for additional recovery services, Ms. Seitz worked with a small team to develop and launch a recovery community organization to serve rural communities in northern Minnesota. She spent 10 years as the treatment provider for Minnesota's Sixth Judicial District impaired driving and mental health treatment court programs. As a published author and clinician, she has spent the last 25 years of her career giving clients a voice. Her work with clients has focused on feedback-informed, research-based, and outcome-driven practice. As a fierce advocate for education and growing the field, she is also an adjunct professor at the College of St. Scholastica in the Master of Social Work program and delivers training and technical assistance at the state, national, and international levels.

Session 2: Clinical Stability and Early Remission in Addiction Treatment: Implications for Treatment Court Decision Making

September 9, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. ET | 75 minutes

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This session will provide a deep dive into the concepts of clinical stability and early remission, emphasizing their central role in guiding treatment decisions and supporting recovery within the treatment court context. Participants will examine the distinctions between clinical and psychosocial stability, review physiological and behavioral stabilization indicators, and explore how remission status, particularly during the early remission window, can inform supervision, treatment planning, and phase advancement decisions. Special attention will be given to assessment tools and pharmacotherapy (including medication for opioid use disorder and psychotropics) that support stabilization and promote sustained recovery. This session equips treatment providers with evidence-informed strategies to support individualized, stage-matched care for justice-involved individuals.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define clinical stability and early remission and differentiate them from psychosocial stability in the context of addiction treatment and treatment courts.
2. Identify key clinical indicators and assessment tools used to determine physiological stabilization and remission status.
3. Explain how early remission and clinical stability inform appropriate treatment interventions, phase movement, and ongoing care planning for participants in treatment court programs.

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Session 3: Building and Maintaining a Therapeutic Alliance: The Cornerstone of Effective Treatment

October 14, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. ET | 75 minutes

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This interactive session focuses on the foundational role of the therapeutic alliance in achieving meaningful and sustained treatment outcomes, particularly with justice-involved individuals. Led by Dr. Michael McGee, the session will explore the key components of a strong therapeutic alliance, trust, empathy, and collaboration, and highlight evidence linking alliance strength to treatment retention and success. Participants will learn and practice advanced techniques such as active listening, motivational interviewing, and managing client discord. Through real-world examples and the introduction of validated measurement tools, attendees will leave with practical strategies to build, assess, and maintain a therapeutic alliance across diverse and challenging clinical settings.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define the components of a therapeutic alliance and explain its impact on treatment outcomes for justice-involved individuals.
2. Apply advanced clinical techniques, including motivational interviewing and reflective listening, to strengthen rapport and engagement.
3. Use validated tools to assess and enhance the therapeutic alliance in real-time clinical practice.

Presenter(s):

Dr. Michael McGee received his M.D. from Stanford University School of Medicine and completed his residency in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He has directed several treatment programs, participated in research, and published in the areas of addictions, spirituality, and clinical treatment. Dr. McGee served for many years on the faculty of McLean Hospital at Harvard Medical School in Boston. He is board certified in general psychiatry, addiction psychiatry, and psychosomatic medicine, with extensive experience in addictions treatment and general adult psychiatry. Dr. McGee is the author of several books, including *The Joy of Recovery*, *101 Things You Need to Know if You're Addicted to Painkillers*, and *Heal the Hurt: Practices for Healing Emotional Pain and Trauma*. Dr. McGee provides consultation and training nationally on optimizing clinician well-being and clinical efficacy, with a focus on forensic treatment settings such as mental health and drug treatment courts. Dr. McGee has a private practice near San Luis Obispo, California, where he provides a combination of psychotherapy and psychopharmacology, with a focus on trauma-integrated addiction treatment.

Sessions 4 and 5: Advanced Practices in Effective Addiction Treatment

November 18 and 25, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. ET | 75 minutes

This two-part training is designed for experienced clinicians working in treatment court settings who are ready to deepen their expertise in evidence-based addiction treatment. The series explores the neurobiology of addiction, integrated care for co-occurring and trauma-related disorders, and the strategic application of treatment modalities tailored to the unique needs of justice-involved individuals. Through practical examples and discussion, participants will develop clinical reasoning skills for selecting and delivering individualized interventions, incorporating both pharmacologic and psychosocial strategies. The training also includes advanced techniques for group facilitation, engaging family systems, and evaluating treatment outcomes using ASAM PPC and outcome-based tools.

Session 4 (Part 1): Foundations of Advanced Clinical Practice

November 18, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. ET | 75 minutes

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This session will provide an in-depth look at the neurobiology of addiction, the impact of trauma, and the complexities of co-occurring disorders, all within the context of strategic treatment matching. Participants will explore how brain-based changes influence behavior, how trauma shapes clinical presentations, and why integrated care is essential for justice-involved individuals. The session will emphasize the importance of aligning evidence-based interventions with each client's unique biopsychosocial profile, ensuring that treatment approaches are responsive to their stage of change, strengths, and recovery needs.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Explain the neurobiological and psychological underpinnings of addiction and how they inform clinical strategies in justice-involved populations.
2. Apply principles of integrated care to address co-occurring mental health and trauma-related disorders using evidence-based models.
3. Match treatment modalities to client needs based on strengths, barriers, and stage of change, ensuring a responsive and individualized treatment approach.

Session 5 (Part 2): Advanced Modalities, Group Work, and Outcome Evaluation

November 25, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. ET | 75 minutes

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This session will explore advanced practices that enhance addiction treatment outcomes, with a focus on integrating medications for addiction treatment (MAT), trauma-informed care, and comprehensive treatment planning. Participants will examine how to effectively incorporate MAT for opioid, alcohol, and nicotine use disorders while addressing trauma responses that may arise during care. The session will also highlight practical strategies for facilitating group therapy, engaging family systems in the recovery process, and developing individualized treatment plans using the ASAM Criteria. Emphasis will be placed on aligning clinical decisions with each client's unique needs, strengths, and recovery goals.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the role and application of medications for addiction treatment (MAT) across opioid, alcohol, and nicotine use disorders, and integrate them into comprehensive care.
2. Implement advanced group therapy techniques and family engagement strategies that enhance support systems and improve recovery outcomes.
3. Use the ASAM Criteria and outcome measurement tools to guide individualized treatment planning, monitor clinical progress, and adjust care accordingly.

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Jessie Holton, Ed.D., is a 13-year veteran law enforcement officer. He served 12 years in Brevard County, Florida, and now works for the Bozeman Police Department in Montana. In September 2001, Mr. Holton put his law enforcement career on hold and joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a law enforcement officer, he has served as a patrolman, major crimes investigator, crisis negotiator, veterans community liaison, research coordinator, instructor, and patrol supervisor. Mr. Holton has used his military, law enforcement, and academic experiences to create several innovative programs, including the nation's first law enforcement therapy dog K-9 team for interviewing child victims, suicide prevention programs, and multiple law enforcement research working groups. As an organizational sociologist, he has designed curriculum and evaluated best practices. He has been published in numerous research journals, written book chapters, and presented at national conferences. In his role as a law enforcement liaison for veterans treatment court, he draws on his military background to understand participant experience and to increase participant buy-in, build rapport, and provide additional support. Mr. Holton holds bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice administration, a graduate certificate in police leadership, and a doctor of education in organizational sociology, all from the University of Central Florida.

Session 6: Complex Clinical Case Management and Advanced Ethical Decision Making in Treatment Courts

December 16, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. ET | 75 minutes

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This collaborative session brings together clinical and judicial perspectives to explore the nuanced challenges of managing complex cases in treatment court settings. Designed for experienced treatment providers, the session focuses on balancing recovery-oriented care with the legal realities of court involvement. Topics include comprehensive case management, navigating crises such as resumed use or psychiatric instability, and implementing public health-informed prevention strategies. Using real-world examples, the presenters will guide participants through advanced ethical dilemmas, highlighting collaborative decision-making approaches that uphold clinical integrity and advance public safety.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Develop and apply advanced case management strategies that address the complex social, legal, and behavioral health needs of treatment court clients.
2. Implement crisis intervention and health prevention strategies in response to high-risk behaviors, such as resumed use or legal jeopardy.
3. Navigate advanced ethical challenges in treatment courts using collaborative, multidisciplinary approaches that balance clinical best practices with court requirements.

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Hon. Charles E. Auslander III has served as a state court judge in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, since 2011. From 2002 to 2011, he served as a judge in the county magistrate court. In April 2005, he joined the Athens-Clarke County State Court DUI court team as an assistant judge. He took over management of the team in 2011. The DUI court is the only court in the nation to have been designated a national academy court by All Rise's Impaired Driving Solutions division every year since 2008. Judge Auslander has served on the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution since 2006 and has been the chair of the commission since 2012. He also serves on

the Funding Committee for the Council of Accountability Court Judges. He is a past member of the Next Generation Courts Commission, the executive committee for the Council of Magistrate Court Judges, and is also a past chair of the council's legislative committee. In 2011, he was named Magistrate of the Year by the council. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced with the law firm of McArthur and McArthur, P.A. in Athens, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in economics and from the University of Georgia School of Law.

