Understanding Addiction and Developmental Disabilities



A Specialized Curriculum for People Living with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Disorders

Screening Questionnaire

Understanding Addiction and Developmental Disabilities is a specialized curriculum for people living with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. This questionnaire is intended for a health care or support professional, caregiver, guardian or parent to interview someone with an intellectual and/or developmental disability.

Before you start, assure the interviewee that there are no right or wrong answers. Ask the questions clearly and simply, and make note of the answers you receive. Use this as a conversion starter to talk openly and without judgment about addiction.

YES	NO	Section one: I hings you drink, smoke or take that are not given to you by a doctor or healthcare provider
0	0	Do you smoke cigarettes or vape?
0	0	Do you smoke marijuana or weed?
0	0	Do you drink beer? Wine? Liquor?
0	0	Do you use cocaine or other drugs that you purchase from people, not stores?
0	0	Are you able to stop (drinking beer, wine, liquor, smoking weed) when you want to?
		How many drinks do you typically drink at a time?
0	0	Is there ever a time where the day after you were drinking, you didn't remember what happened the night before?
0	0	Do people ever tell you that you did something while drinking that you don't remember doing?
0	0	Did anyone ever tell you that they had a problem with your drinking habits (drug use)?
0	0	Do you ever drink (beer, wine, liquor) or use street drugs when you are alone?
0	0	Do you ever feel shame (bad feelings) when you drink (beer, wine, liquor) or use weed?
0	0	Have you ever felt sick when you stopped using (beer, wine, liquor, street drugs).
YES	NO	Section two: Things you take that are given to you by a healthcare provider
0	0	Do you have a doctor or nurse practitioner?
0	0	Does he/she tell you that you need to take certain medications?
0	0	Do you always take the medicine the way he/she wants you to take it?
0	0	Do you always follow the instructions about when and how much to take?

If you and your client or loved one feels he or she needs support for a substance use disorder, give **Understanding Addiction and Developmental Disabilities** a try. It's accessible, easy to understand and flexible.