

Chemical Dependency Assessments

If an individual has been arrested for a drug or alcohol charge, the court may have the offender complete a substance use evaluation also known as a chemical dependency assessment (CDA). Before final sentencing, a CDA may determine how the court will sentence the offender.

A chemical dependency assessment consists of a biological, psychological, and social evaluation as well as the completion of a standardized test. Additionally, a detailed interview with a certified treatment provider will examine the offender's substance abuse and criminal history, educational, medical and mental history. Based on the information, the treatment provider will then make a recommendation for final sentencing.

Goal

A chemical dependency evaluation is used to identify the possible presence and extent of a person's drug or alcohol problem. The evaluation also allows for the development of a treatment plan which will address the person's specific problem with alcohol or drugs.

Registration

To register, please visit our office in person - Special Programs and Services Section. We are located on the first floor of the Henderson Justice Facility located at 243 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015.

Cost

- \$100. Must be paid in full prior to scheduling an evaluation.
- Rescheduling fee - \$50
- If you scheduled your CDA within 7 days of your Court appearance, there is an additional fee of \$75
- Special Programs and Services accepts cash, credit or debit card (excluding American Express) or money order.

Availability of Appointment

- Evaluators are available weekly to complete evaluations.

Assessment Format

- Once an appointment is made in person at the office, you will be given some reading material as well as a standardized test to take home and complete.
- The assessment takes approximately two (2) hours to complete the whole process with the counselor appointment taking approximately 45 minutes.
- It may take the counselor approximately a week to complete the written assessment. This report will be provided to the offender, their attorney or public defender, the court or any other entity designated in a consent to release information form.

If further information is needed, then please call [702-267-1350](tel:702-267-1350).

REACH Program

The REACH program is a Level I outpatient substance abuse counseling program. It is managed by licensed (LADC) Master-level alcohol and drug counselors who have been in the field of chemical dependency for many years. Many of our clients have been Court-ordered to attend substance abuse counseling as a result of their legal involvement. The Reach program is a convenient and affordable community program they can access to learn the tools they can use to change their lives.

Goal

To educate and support our clients in recognizing that alcoholism and addiction is a primary progressive disease rather than a moral consequence, character weakness, or psychological dysfunction. We teach individuals with addictions to alcohol or drugs to approach their disease as a treatable condition with a high potential for lasting recovery.

Registration

To register, you may visit our office or call 702-267-1350 to make an appointment. You must provide a copy of your Court order.

Cost

- Intake session is \$50.00, payable at time of intake. Each group session is \$20.00.
- Special Programs and Services accepts cash, credit or debit card (excluding American Express) or money order.

Course Availability

- REACH classes are available four days a week.

Course Format

- Weekly abstinence-based group therapy sessions facilitated by State Licensed counselors.
- The counseling philosophy is a Person-Centered approach that fosters the belief that people need to take responsibility for their own actions, problems, and lives.
- Teaching tools include group therapy sessions, lectures, discussions, homework, and videos.

Course Content

- Intake session comprised of an evaluation and the signing of paperwork related to confidentiality, client's rights and responsibilities and the group therapy process.
- Understanding addiction as a disease
- Genetic predisposition to alcoholism/addiction
- Progression of the disease and medical aspects pertaining to it
- Strong emphasis on "Relapse Prevention"

- Overview of Drugs to include Methamphetamine, Opiates, Sedatives and Marijuana
- Acceptance vs. Compliance
- Introduction to sober support groups (12-Step programs)
- Alcohol/Drugs and the Law
- Anger Management
- Communication
- Defense systems including “Denial”
- Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT)
- Stress Management
- Dry vs. Sober
- Chemicals and the Personality
- Consequences of Addiction
- The Recovery Process

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