

**San Bernardino County
Department of Behavioral Health**

Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) Youth Treatment Policy

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Policy

It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) to ensure San Bernardino County and contracted provider Substance Use Disorder (SUD) clinics conduct Youth Treatment services in accordance with applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations.

Purpose

To provide a written protocol and inform staff of DBH and contracted provider clinics how to adequately manage and refer youth (Ages 12-17) that present to SUD treatment services while under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs.

Guidelines

When a youth presents at any Substance Use Disorder (SUD) clinic in San Bernardino County displaying symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, the agency shall:

- Determine if the youth is in immediate physical danger due to the alcohol and/or drugs used.

If ...	Then ...
the Youth arrives at treatment services under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs	qualified staff shall assess to ensure the youth is not in immediate physical danger
the Youth appears to be in physical danger	follow appropriate clinic protocols
the Youth is not in physical danger	qualified staff shall assess the youth using the Teen Addiction Severity Index (T-ASI) assessment tool to determine appropriate clinical action

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If ...	Then ...
if there is not a qualified staff member on duty to conduct the Youth assessment	the agency's supervisory staff shall be notified immediately and the agency shall contact the Screening Assessment and Referral Center (SARC) at 909-421-4601 to facilitate a formal assessment, via phone if necessary.
it is determined after assessing the Youth he/she requires a higher level of care	the agency shall contact the Screening Assessment and Referral Center (SARC) at 909-421-4601. SARC shall facilitate a referral to the appropriate level of care and the optimal facility to meet the youth's needs.
the Youth refuses the assessment	the agency's supervisory staff shall be notified immediately and the Youth shall be given the SARC phone number (909) 421-4601 and community resources for future use, if desired.
it is determined the youth is in need of a safety care plan	the agency will address needs for the Youth, such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Notification of emergency contacts (while following confidentiality requirements)

References

State of California Youth Treatment Guidelines (2002), Section VIII, Subsection D, Chapter 2