



## Effective Use of ASAM and the Full Continuum of Care

By

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### **Description of Presentation**

Participants will learn differences between clinical treatment and programs of recovery as well as discuss effective use of ASAM criteria to determine appropriate level of care. The presentation will cover utilizing the full continuum of care to improve client outcomes and discuss practical strategies for referral partnerships throughout the continuum

### **Objectives**

- 1) Proper use of the ASAM patient placement criteria
- 2) Effective utilization of the full continuum of care
- 3) Discussion and clarification of treatment verses program of recovery

### **Bio**

Derek holds a Master's degree from Southern Nazarene University in Marriage and Family Therapy. As well as a Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University. He is an Oklahoma Licensed Addiction and Drug Counselor with a Mental Health designation.

Derek is an experienced program director and therapist in several outpatient and residential addiction treatment centers. His experience includes outpatient adult, adolescent and family work at Specialized Outpatient Services in Oklahoma City, intensive family and individual work at Four Winds Ranch in Guthrie Oklahoma; Derek has previously sat as Clinical Director, Second Story Ranch Recovery Community and as Executive Director of Parents Helping Parents, an Oklahoma based non-profit agency aimed at supporting families with children, of any age, affected by substance use and addiction. Currently Derek is the Provider Relations Coordinator at Bethany Behavioral Health Hospital.

