

DDAP ASAM Technical Assistance Series

Questions and Answers

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1. What considerations are given to women who want to be in a specific mom and baby level 3 program, but do not have their children with them (maybe without reunification plans)? Is this recommended?

ASAM Criteria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2013 is built on the premise of individualized and person-centered treatment for all people. In this example, considerations and recommendations must be individualized and person centered.

ASAM Criteria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2013 defines individualized treatment as “Treatment that is person-centered and collaborative designed to meet a particular patient’s needs and preferences guided by services that are directly related to a specific, unique patient assessment” (p.420).

Person centered treatment is defined as “assessment that is collaborative and treatment that is tailored to the needs of the individual and guided by an individualized treatment plan. This plan is developed in consultation with the patient and is respectful of informed consent and the preferences of the patient. Patient centered care establishes a therapeutic alliance with the individual and therefore contributes significantly to treatment outcomes “(p.425).

To guide clinical evaluation, ASAM Criteria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2013 recommends starting with what the patient wants, followed by an Immediate Needs and Multi-dimensional assessment.

Please refer to page 124 of the ASAM Criteria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2013 for a Decisional Flow to Match Assessment and Treatment/Placement Assignment.