

## Integrating substance abuse treatment in non-substance abuse treatment settings

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It is common knowledge that substance abuse is a primary risk factor for clients with severe mental health and medical issues, and grossly interferes with the treatment of co-occurring disorders. How to integrate substance abuse treatment into the treatment of clients who deny or at least minimize the negative effects of substance abuse on their lives is a relatively less known and discussed phenomena that is deserving of far greater priority.

This presentation will overview several evidence-based methods of discreetly and respectfully assessing and treating substance abuse in spite of client / patient denial and resistance. A variety of therapeutic principles from established methodologies will be shown to be very helpful to substance abusers presenting with chief complaints that relate to other disorders.

### Biography

Graham Danzer is clinician trained in multiple therapeutic disciplines with more than 12 years of experience providing comprehensive clinical services to at-risk youth, adults and families from diverse backgrounds. As an advocate for the underserved and disenfranchised, he has provided individual, group, and family therapy, clinical assessment, case management, and collateral therapeutic work. He has also published clinically-focused research in a multitude of peer-reviewed sources. His interests are doing clinical work and training staff to do clinical work that better the lives of suffering individuals in spite of the odds against them. He is specialized in Individual and family therapy, adolescents, substance abuse, case management, crisis intervention, research, chronic mental illness, and treating sexual disorders.

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