



# Community of Practice (CoP) Integrating Addiction Treatment Services Into Primary Health Care

Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Integration Technical Assistance

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## Session Four

# Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Screening and Assessment Approaches

# Today's Agenda



Welcome, Recap from Previous Session, Objectives



Evidence-Based Tools to Standardize SUD Screening and Assessment



Reflection and Assessment: Interactive Discussion and Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) Activity



Session Wrap-Up and Office Hours

# Your Facilitators



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# Session Objectives

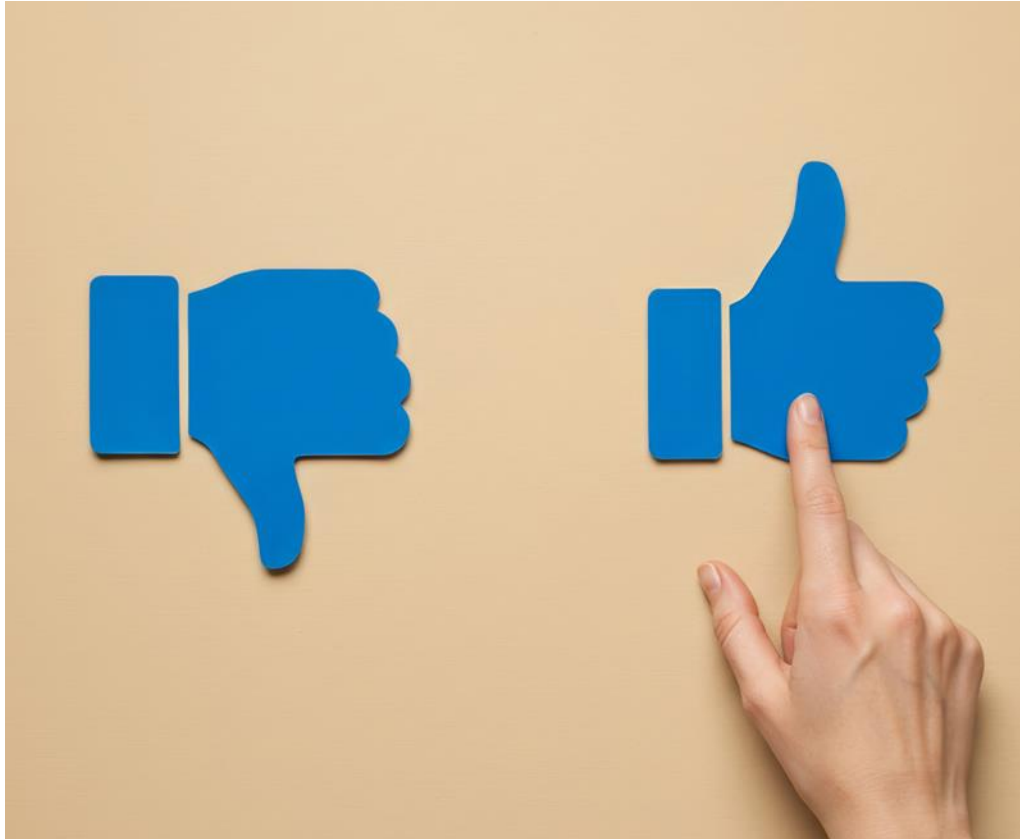
## Participants of today's session will be able to:

- Name evidence-based tools for SUD screening and assessment in youth and adults
- Understand how to apply the evidence-based screening and assessment tools in an integrated care workflow



# Screening for SUD

# What is Screening?



Screening is a process for evaluating the potential presence of a problem.



# Value of Universal Screening



**WE ASK EVERYONE**

- Normalize asking about substance use as a health behavior
- Universal screening can avoid making patients feel targeted
- Focus on health and prevention
- State how you can help
- Respect privacy

# SUD Screening Integration Discussion



- What tool(s) does your health center use for screening?
- How did you decide upon this tool?
- Who administers the tool?
- How does it become a part of your integrated care workflow?

# Evidence-Based *Screening* Tools in Primary Care

Screening Tool Name	What Substances are Included?	Appropriate for Adolescents or Adult?	Who Can Administer?
Tobacco, Alcohol, Prescription medication and other Substance use (TAPS)*	Drugs and Alcohol	Adults	Self- or clinician-administered
Opioid Risk Tool – OUD (ORT-OUD) Chart	Drugs	Adults	Self-administered
Screening to Brief Intervention (S2BI)	Drugs and Alcohol	Adolescents	Self- or clinician-administered
Brief Screener for Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs (BSTAD)	Drugs and Alcohol	Adolescents	Self- or clinician-administered
Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide*	Alcohol	Adolescents	Clinician-administered



\*Includes both screening and assessment

# What is an Assessment?



- An assessment is a process for defining the nature of the problem, determining a diagnosis, and developing specific treatment recommendations for addressing the problem or diagnosis
- Informs recommendations for further assessment, treatment intensity, treatment setting, and supportive services

# Approaching SUD Assessment



- Establish a relationship
- Seek to understand the screening finding
- How acute is the issue?
  - Is it why the patient is here today?
- Normalize having difficult conversations
- Tools are one piece of the picture

# Additional Considerations for Adolescents



- Encourage one-on-one interviews with adolescents to support their autonomy and build trust



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CRAFFT	Drugs and Alcohol	Adolescents	Self- or clinician-administered
Drug Abuse Screen Test (DAST-10)^	Drugs	Adults	Self- or clinician-administered
Drug Abuse Screen Test (DAST-20: Adolescent version)^	Drugs and Alcohol	Adolescents	Self- or clinician-administered



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^Tools with associated fees

# SUD Assessment Integration Discussion



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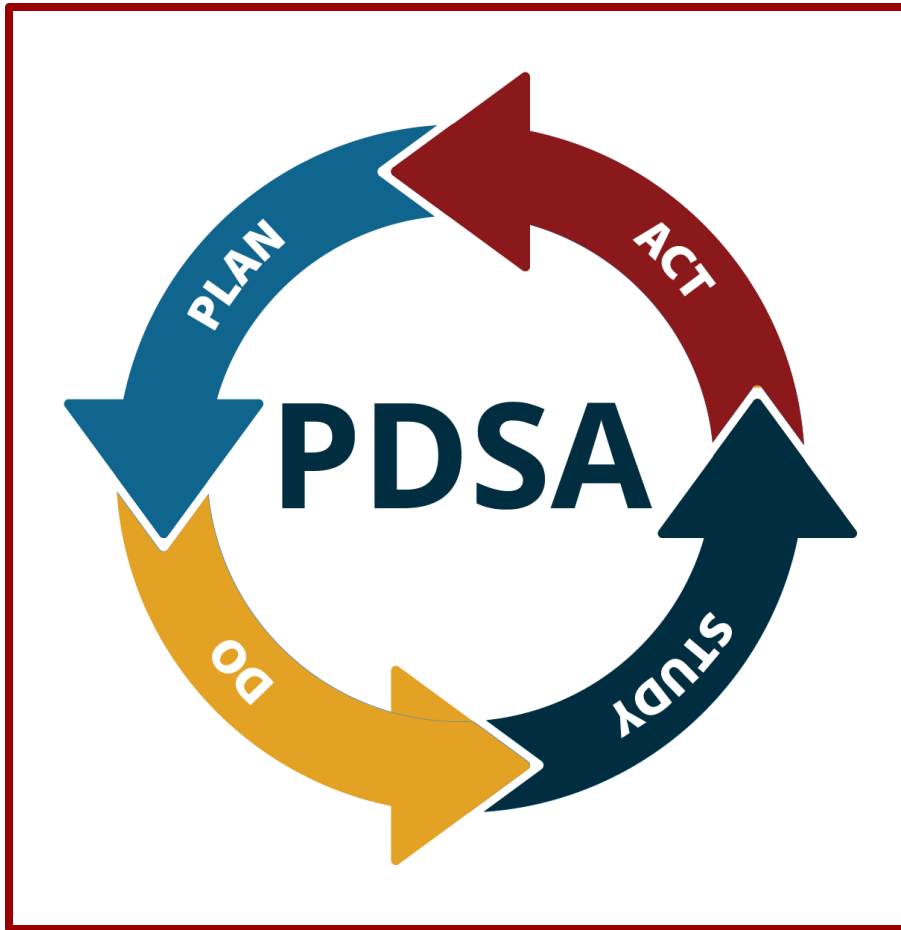


# Using the Screening/Assessment Results to Start Conversation



- How do you present the findings to the patient?

# Reflection and Assessment



- What are your workflows:
  - To accommodate universal SUD screenings at your organization?
  - To assess results?
- What types of resources and supports could your health center use to develop screening and assessment skills?
  - Who most needs these?

# Q&A



# Health Center Satisfaction Assessment

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on today's session!**

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