


















Does My Child Need an Assessment?

Any time you [suspect](#) that your child is using drugs or alcohol is a good time to have an assessment. Sometimes schools or courts recommend a child have an assessment to make sure there isn't a more serious issue. You don't have to wait until you are sure there is an issue to get your child help.

Warning Signs

These are common problems among those who have a Substance Use Disorder.

 Drug or alcohol use	 Legal Problems
 School problems	 Vulnerable to physical illness
 Poor relationship choices	 Reduced respect
 Risky sexual behaviors	 Depression and/or anxiety
 Changes in sleep patterns	 ADHD
 Changes in friends	 Lying
 Behavior problems	 Stealing money or medication
 Traffic accidents	

Has your child experienced any of these issues?

It is a good idea to come in for an assessment if:

- You know or suspect that your child is using alcohol or other drugs
- You have found alcohol or other drugs in your child's room, car, or backpack
- Your child is experiencing consequences at home, in school, or with the court system that may be related to alcohol or other drug use
- You know or suspect that your child's friends are using
- You have found evidence of use on your child's phone
- Your child's friends or others close to your family have expressed concern
- Your child and family have gone through some of the problems in the chart above

Why have an assessment?

- to have a substance abuse professional look at what type of alcohol or other drug (AOD) issue your child is having
- to use professional standards to recommend a course of treatment (if any is needed).

The assessment might find that your child is using sporadically and needs [education](#). It may discover that your child has a more serious problem. These teens can benefit from an [Intensive Outpatient Program](#) or a Residential Program.

While ASAP does not offer every level of care, our clinicians use the [American Society of Addiction](#)

[Medicine](#) criteria to determine what type of care is needed. We can also assist you in finding the help your child needs, by making [recommendations](#), if we are not able to provide that care.