


















## 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.