

Attitudes toward Clients with Co-occurring Disorders

Agency Staff Questionnaire

Date _____

ID _____

Agency Number _____

We are interested in learning about your attitudes and experiences with clients who have co-occurring disorders. Here, a "co-occurring disorder client" means a client with a substance abuse problem and a mental health problem.

1. What is your age? _____
2. What is your sex? _____ female _____ male
- 3a. What is your current job title? _____
- 3b. How long have you been in your current position? _____ years _____ months
4. What is your highest level of education completed?
 - _____ Less than high school diploma
 - _____ HS diploma/GED
 - _____ Completed two-year degree program
 - _____ Completed undergraduate degree
 - _____ Completed masters degree
 - _____ Completed PhD

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5. How would you rate your training/education experiences regarding co-occurring disorder clients to date? Please circle the number that best reflects your answer.

Great		Reasonable		Lacking
5	4	3	2	1

6. To what extent do you think your experiences and training have lead you to understand the special treatment needs of co-occurring disorder clients? Please circle the number that best reflects your answer.

Solid Understanding		Some Understanding		No Understanding
5	4	3	2	1

7. Some treatment staff believe that substance abuse treatment should precede mental health treatment. Others believe that mental health treatment should precede substance abuse treatment. Please check the response below that best identifies your opinion.

- ___ Substance abuse treatment should always come first.
- ___ Substance abuse treatment should usually come first.
- ___ Substance abuse and mental health treatment should occur together.
- ___ Mental health treatment should usually come first.
- ___ Mental health treatment should always come first.

For questions 8-22, please mark the response that best matches how much you disagree or agree with the following statements today.

8. Co-occurring disorder clients should be in their own treatment groups.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

When answering the next few questions, please try to compare typical clients with co-occurring disorders to clients without co-occurring disorders.

9. Clients with co-occurring disorders require significantly more time for treatment.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

10. Clients with co-occurring disorders require significantly more effort for treatment.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

11. Clients with co-occurring disorders are significantly more disruptive.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

12. Clients with co-occurring disorders tend to make treatment for others more difficult.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

13. Mental Health professional staff understand addiction interventions.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

14. Substance Abuse professional staff understand mental health interventions.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

15. Information regarding current best practice interventions for co-occurring disorders is available to me at my agency.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

16. My agency supports my efforts to improve/enhance my treatment and intervention expertise regarding co-occurring disorders.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

17. I have someone I can count on in my agency who can support me in my work with co-occurring disorder clients.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

18. I would support a plan for dual diagnosis training at my agency.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

19. I would support a plan for dual diagnosis certification through our state licensing boards.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

20. My agency successfully coordinates services with mental health referral agencies to provide optimal treatment for our clients.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

21. Mental health agencies successfully coordinate services with my substance abuse agency to provide optimal treatment for our clients.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

22. The staff of this agency would benefit from continuing education workshops on dual diagnosis.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
5	4	3	2	1

23. Dual diagnosis workshops would be most helpful to staff at this agency if they focused on:

- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Etiology
- Diagnosis and treatment
- Etiology, diagnosis, and treatment

24. In your opinion, the best treatment option for clients with co-occurring disorders would be:

- Sequential treatment (treat one issue and then the other)
- Simultaneous treatment from separate agencies (substance abuse and mental health issues dealt with at the same time by different agencies)
- Integrated treatment for both issues at a substance abuse agency
- Integrated treatment for both issues at a mental health agency
- Other (please specify): _____

Please think of the clients you were responsible for during the last month.

25. What percentage did you refer for mental health evaluation or treatment?

_____ %

26. What percentage of you clients do you think had co occurring disorders?

_____ %

27. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the care that your co-occurring disorder clients receive?

Very Satisfied		Neutral		Very Dissatisfied
5	4	3	2	1

PLEASE USE THE NEXT PAGE TO WRITE IN ANY COMMENTS THAT YOU HAVE ABOUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR ABOUT CLIENTS WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS.

