IDDT Stages of Treatment and Treatment Intervention Strategies

IDDT Stages of Treatment

Interventions

Pre-engagement:

The person (not client) does not have contact with a counselor and meets the criteria for substance abuse or dependence.

Engagement:

The client has had only irregular contact with a counselor and meets criteria for substance abuse of dependence.

- Outreach
- Building the working alliance via empathic, hopeful treatment relationship
- Practical assistance (e.g. food, clothing, housing, benefits, transportation, medical care)
- Crisis intervention
- Support and assistance to social networks
- Stabilization of psychiatric symptoms

 medication management
- Help in avoiding legal penalties
- Help in arranging visitation with family
- Family meetings

Early Persuasion:

Regular contact with a counselor continues to use the same amount of substances or has reduced substance use for less than 2 weeks and meets criteria for substance abuse of dependence.

Late Persuasion:

Regular contact with a counselor, shows evidence of reduction in substance use for the past 2-4 weeks but still meets criteria for substance abuse of dependence.

- Individual and family education
- Motivational Interviewing
- Persuasion groups
- Social skills training to address nonsubstance related situations
- Structured activity
 (e.g. supported
 employment,
 volunteering,
 hobbies, church etc.)
- Sampling constructive social and recreational activities
- Safe damp housing
- Use of medications to treat psychiatric illness that may have secondary effect on craving/addiction)

Early Active Treatment:

Client is engaged in treatment and has reduced substance use for more than the past month but still meets criteria for substance abuse of dependence during this period of reduction.

Late Active Treatment:

The person is engaged in treatment and has met criteria for substance abuse or dependence for the past 1-5 months.

- Family and individual problem solving
- Active Treatment Groups
- Systematic analysis of substance abuse episodes
- Social skills training to address substancerelated situations
- Self-help groups (AA etc.)
- Individual cognitive behavioral counseling
- Substitute activities (e.g. work, sports)
- Pharmacological treatments to support abstinence (disulfiram, naltrexone)
- Safe, dry housing
- Psychoeducation
- Stress management and coping skills

Relapse Prevention:

The client is engaged in treatment and has not met criteria for substance abuse or dependence for the past 6-12 months.

Remission: The client has not met criteria for substance abuse or dependence for over one year.

- Expanding involvement in supported or independent employment
- Relapse prevention groups
- Lapse Management
- Self-help groups
- Social skills training to address other areas
- Family problem solving
- Lifestyle improvements (e.g. smoking cessation, healthy diet, stress management techniques
- · Independent housing
- Becoming a role model for others