

## **Substance Abuse Diagnosis and Treatment: For the Mental Health Provider**

National statistics indicate that 62% of individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness also abuse alcohol and other substances, yet when reviewing cases within an agency, this diagnosis is often not reflected, even if reading the record indicates frequent references to the problem. A co-occurring disorder is not an exception, but is to be expected in serving this population. So why is a substance use disorder so traditionally under reported? It may be because the clinician is not looking for it or perhaps because they do not understand the importance of treating both disorders as equally important and at the same time.

This one day workshop will focus on understanding the disease of Substance Use Disorder, reviewing the diagnostic criteria for Substance Use or Dependence diagnosis, and treatment strategies for working with clients with a co-occurring disorder.

### **Course Objectives:**

Participants who complete this course will be able to:

1. demonstrate a working knowledge of the diagnostic criteria for Substance Use and Substance Dependence Disorder
2. learn and practice skills using Stages of Change interventions for treatment of a substance use disorder
3. develop a plan for bringing this information into their clinical practice

### **Continuing Education Credits for Social Work Licensing:**

Kantu Consultants, LLC, provider number 1137, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) [www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org), through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Kantu Consultants, LLC maintains responsibility for the program.

Social Workers completing this course will receive 6 continuing education credits.

### **Evaluation:**

There will be an opportunity for the participants to complete an evaluation of the course and the instructor. Depending on the requirements of the hosting organization, there may be a short post-test of the material at the end of the seminar.

Problems with this Workshop: If you have any issues with the way in which this training was conducted or other problems, you may note that on your evaluation of the training, you may talk directly to instructor, or you may contact us through our webpage ([www.Kantu.org](http://www.Kantu.org)) for resolution.

### **Learning Materials:**

The instructor will supply handouts of the PowerPoint presentation used in this course. Lecture and discussion will be the main learning activities, along with the extensive use of small group activities.

**Assignments:**

Participants are encouraged to actively engage in dialogue with the instructor and other participants during interactive segments of the course.