

ASSESSING A CLIENT FOR A RESIDENTIAL ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAM

You cannot predict if a client will complete their program but you can do your best to increase the chances of completion by assessing the client before making the referral to an out of territory addictions treatment facility.

➔ Assess the client's reasoning for requesting treatment (e.g. if it is their choice, a condition of parole, for their children, etc.)

➔ Assess the client's readiness to commit to a program

Stages of change:

Precontemplation:

Contemplation

Preparation

Action

Maintenance

➔ Determine the best treatment facility to meet the client's needs.

➔ Determine if the client is appropriate for group treatment settings.

➔ Ensure client has necessary documents to attend the treatment program (valid Health Care card, government issued photo ID or 2 pieces of non-photo ID)