The Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria: A Brief Introduction to What It Is and Why It's Important to Know Webinar

**Presenter Biography**

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Kristin Dempsey, MS, LMFT, LPCC, is a Senior Associate at the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions where she is the Project Manager for the Greater Bay Area Mental Health and Education Workforce Collaborative. Prior to her current work at CIBHS, Kristin most recently worked as Director of Workforce Development at San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

She started at BHRS in 2001 as a clinician specializing in the treatment of dual diagnosis (mental health and substance issues) and later oversaw quality improvement efforts to integrate mental health and substance abuse services. Kristin has assisted in implemented a number of evidence-based practices in behavioral health systems of care including, but not limited to, Motivational Interviewing, Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics and Wellness Recovery Action Planning. She has lead the development of mentoring programs for behavioral health professionals as well as skills development programs for consumers and family members working as educators and trainers in behavioral health. She worked for almost a decade in school-based counseling services where she counseled groups and individuals on a variety of mental health and developmental concerns.

She has clinical experience in treating alcohol and other drug issues, co-occurring mental health and substance use conditions, suicide intervention, depression, anxiety, trauma, adolescent, child and family treatment, and issues related to women’s health and pregnancy counseling.

She is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers, and is a Master Trainer for Applied Suicide Interventional Skills Training. She is currently is studying to provide training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis and is a trainer for the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics. She trains extensively on trauma informed care, client-driven case management, addictions, co-occurring conditions, and behavioral/cognitive behavioral therapy. Additionally, Kristin trains peers entering the behavioral health workforce in interaction techniques and crisis managements skills.

In addition to teaching at The Wright Institute, Kristin teaches addictions in the Department of Counseling at San Francisco State University, and trauma informed care for social work students at California State University East Bay.

Courses taught at the Wright Institute:

Substance Use Disorder Treatment (Addictions)
Crisis, Disaster and Trauma
Community Mental Health