

# Cornerstone Behavioral Healthcare


## AC-4 Service Approach to Dual Diagnosis (Substance Use/Mental Illness)

It is the policy of Cornerstone Behavioral Healthcare (CBH) to not discriminate against clients with substance use problems. CBH will provide the most effective care possible. A client that has a dual diagnosis will be seen by a qualified clinician working within the scope of their practice.

A client that is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance will not be seen at CBH until such a time that the client is sober and coherent.

Protocol:

- CBH starts with a referral script which identifies the needs and problems of the client prior to making an appointment for the assessment
- During the first appointment all clients over the age of ten are mandated to complete the AC-OK
- Also, the AC-OK is incorporated into the assessment and treatment planning
- Co-occurring clients will be assigned to clinicians that have an understanding and training in co-occurring treatment modalities

  
Executive Director/CEO

11-2-2021  
Date

Attachment: Statement of Commitment to Co-Occurring Disorder Capable services (Posted in a visible area.)

## **CORNERSTONE BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

In accordance with DHHS policy, this notice is to inform our clients and staff that Cornerstone BHC is committed to maintaining and continually improving its Co-occurring Disorder-Capable (COD-C) status in its Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs for adults, children and families.

By definition, a COD Capable program “is organized to welcome, identify, engage, and serve individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders and to incorporate attention to these issues in all aspects of program content and documentation. Such programs provide services that incorporate understanding of and approaches to substance abuse problems as they relate to and affect the mental health disorder.”

Thus we welcome any client or potential client with co-occurring disorders and strive to integrate our programs and processes in a way to maximize the benefits of treatment to the COD client. As always, Cornerstone BHC pledges to provide the best care available.

If you have questions about COD and our agency's capabilities and resources, please feel free to discuss them with your provider.