

February 13, 2019

Re: Alberta PCAP's use of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) as an intake form

The Alberta PCAP Council Board of Directors passed a motion on February 11, 2019 that effective immediately, Alberta Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP) programs will no longer be required to use the Intake Addiction Severity Index (ASI) Parts A and B, and Exit ASI. Instead, programs are asked to use the Alberta PCAP Intake Form and accompanying 0-month biannual to collect intake information on incoming PCAP women. These forms can be found on the Alberta PCAP Council's website. This decision comes after a thorough review of the ASI and its current use led by Dr. Nancy Poole and the Centre of Excellence in Women's Health (CEWH). Part of this process included a focus group with PCAP supervisors and mentors that attended the 2017-18 Annual General Meeting held in Edmonton, Alberta on June 25, 2018.

Over the next year, the Data Oversight Committee and the Alberta PCAP Council will review how targeted use of a modified ASI or a similar tool can provide important information on the PCAP population. There may also be further updates to the Intake Form and intake and exit process based on recommendations from the Centre of Excellence in Women's Health, gaps in data as determined by the Data Oversight Committee, and feedback from programs. The data collected in the Penelope Outcomes Tracking Application based on past ASIs will continue to be used in reporting and research in the meantime.

We thank you for your commitment in the past to training, administering, and entering the ASI in order to support programming and maintain fidelity to the PCAP model. As we continue to define an Alberta model of PCAP, we look forward to your continued feedback and support.

Respectfully,

Kristin Bonot, Provincial Coordinator
On behalf of The Alberta Parent-Child Assistance Program Council

Attachments:

Intake Form revised for 0-mo Biannual-2018-06-26

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