

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION**

**COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SERVICE CENTER
FACT SHEET**

Brief Description of Community Assessment Service Centers (CASC)

The Community Assessment Service Centers (CASC) system is composed of eight contracted community-based organizations located in one of the County's eight Service Planning Areas (SPA). There are currently 20 Service Center sites located throughout Los Angeles County.

Each of the service centers acts as the entry point for any County citizens seeking alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery services. The CASC work closely with a network of contracted alcohol and other drug treatment agencies, mental health providers, domestic violence agencies, and other community-based organizations providing information and referrals on a wide variety of supportive services. The supportive services include job development, literacy training, temporary housing, referrals to food banks, health care, and other needed services.

The CASCs currently provide services to the general public, along with categorically funded clients such as General Relief and CalWORKs recipients for the Department of Public Social Services, Family Re-unification participants for the Department of Family and Children Services, and criminal justice clients funded through the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Proposition 36).

CASC Services

Each CASC site provides the following:

- Screening, clinical assessment, and referral services for the general public and persons referred to treatment by various programs or agencies. These services include:
 - Receiving and managing calls from the 1-800 toll-free alcohol and other drug referral line.
 - Initial screening, both in-person and by phone.
 - Face-to-face comprehensive clinical alcohol and other drug assessments, employing a computerized/automated assessment instrument (currently utilizing the Addiction Severity Index or the Behavioral Health Assessment Program).
 - Referrals to a County funded or private alcohol and other drug providers within each of the CASC's geographical area of responsibility SPA.
 - Ancillary service referrals which include, but are not limited to, vocational rehabilitation, education, transportation, public social services, housing, health, legal, and mental health services.

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These services include (continued):

- , A HIV/AIDS Specialist on site who interfaces with persons needing specialized services and assists in providing the bridge to treatment for needle exchange participants.
- , The provision of limited medical screenings for infectious disease, at some sites.
- , An on site child care area for persons receiving services from the assessment center.
- , The coordination and scheduling of on site provider orientations to applicants and participants at DPSS District and GAIN Regional Offices, located within the CASC SPA.

Additionally the CASCs provide:

- Information based upon resource directories including, but not limited to, all mental health, domestic violence, and alcohol and other drug treatment providers in Los Angeles County, 211 Info Line service agencies, and HIV/AIDS service providers.
- The scheduling and coordination of regular meetings with alcohol and other drug agencies, mental health programs, and other human service agencies located within the geographical area of responsibility.
- The maintenance of collaborative and cooperative linkages with public, private, social, economic, health care, legal, vocational, and mental health service providers.

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