

SUD COE: Engagement & Retention in Substance Use Disorder Treatment [Chardon, OH]

Geauga County Board of MH & RS Office 13244 Ravenna Road Chardon, OH 44024

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9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (Registration Begins @ 8:30 AM)



Register Here: <https://case.edu/socialwork/centerforebp/events/id/1502/engagement-retention-in-substance-use-disorder-treatment-chardon-oh-geauga-county-only-02-26-2026>

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Continuing Education Units (CEUs): 5.0 for Cnlr, LPN, Psych, RN, SW, OCPD

Event Description: Free 5.0-Hour In-person Training for GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO ONLY

Engagement and retention in substance use disorder treatment plays a pivotal role in ensuring the delivery of high-quality, comprehensive care while promoting positive client outcomes. This training aims to provide professionals with valuable insights, creative strategies, and evidence-based practices that enhance client engagement and improve long-term retention within treatment settings. Participants will also identify their own behaviors, and potential causes, that lead to disengagement and create barriers in their clients' retention in treatment.

The purpose of the training is to promote in providers a heightened sense of self-awareness regarding their impact and influence on the people they serve. Assisting individuals to consider engagement techniques that promote recovery as an important foundational skill for all providers. Participants will be introduced to innovative tools and key elements of the engaging process and practice skill-building exercises designed to assist them in utilizing person-centered approaches in engagement and discussions in retention. Participants will be encouraged to think creatively and develop personalized strategies that suit the unique needs of their clinical settings. The Center for Evidence-Based Practices makes every attempt to incorporate exercises and examples specific to the unique practice settings of participants, with an emphasis on individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

Participants will:

- Examine how beliefs, attitudes and perceptions influence our capacity to engage clients.
- Construct an understanding of the various key concepts of change.
- Review the 4 tenets of an engaged therapeutic relationship that promote retention in treatment and recovery.
- Describe provider behaviors that promote disengagement, making behavior change less likely for people experiencing substance use disorders.
- Explore the 4 guiding principles that impact our beliefs and perceptions, that can lead to increased engagement and motivation for behavior change in people with substance use disorders.
- Identify 5 core skills to utilize in conversations relating to change that promote engagement and motivation toward behavior change in people with substance use disorders.

Who Should Attend

Organizations that are interested in and/or in the process of delivering and/or implementing treatment services for individuals with substance use disorders. Examples of those who should attend include the following:

Program managers and supervisors

Counselors

Peer Support/Recovery Coaches

Social Workers

Psychologists

Quality Improvement (QI)

Chemical Dependency Professionals

Case Managers

Medical Professionals (Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician's Assistants)