

Adolescent Screening for Alcohol or Substance Use Resources for Primary Care Practitioners

MVP encourages Primary Care Practitioners (PCP) to screen adolescents for alcohol or substance use at least once a year. Often PCPs are unclear of the best approach to deal with a teen who screens positive. To assist PCPs, MVP has identified Substance Abuse Clinicians who are available telephonically to provide the following:

- Telephonic consultation regarding an adolescent patient who has screened positive for an alcohol or substance use problem
- Assistance with getting an adolescent evaluated for possible treatment
- Availability to speak with the patient or family regarding treatment

Contact Information for Substance Abuse Clinicians

Practitioners in New York

Name: Brigette Hartman-DeCenzo

Phone: 518-859-5076

Affiliation: Conifer Park, a 225-bed chemical dependence detoxification and treatment facility in Glenville, NY with outpatient treatment centers in Schenectady, Glenville, Troy, Glens Falls, Liverpool, Plattsburgh and Rochester.

Background: Brigette is a Regional Service Coordinator for Conifer Park and is in private practice at Crossroads Counseling Associates, LLC in Amsterdam, N.Y. She is also a trainer for Schenectady County's Substance Abuse Awareness Program, conducting trainings on chemical dependency in adolescents. She has worked in the substance abuse field for six years and has experience working with adolescents in individual and group therapy sessions.

Practitioners in Vermont

Please refer to next page for a listing of Vermont practitioners.

Obtaining Mental Health or Substance Abuse Treatment

The member, his/her family or practitioner must notify MVP prior to receiving treatment by contacting:

- The MVP Behavioral Health Access Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at 1-800-568-0458 (Members in New York).
- Primarilink at 1-800-320-5895 Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (Members in Vermont)

Refer to next page for more contact information.

Contact Information for Substance Abuse Clinicians Vermont Practitioners

Brattleboro

Name: Joyce Sullivan Phone: 802-257-1660
Affiliation: Brattleboro Family Therapy

Background: Joyce is a licensed psychologist (MA) and a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) who has been practicing in the Brattleboro area for the past 15 years. She is well known in the area for her work with both adolescents and adults. She also receives referrals from the local court for DUI assessments and treatment services.

Name: David Price Phone: 802-254-7500, ext. 1123
Affiliation: Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)

Background: HCRS offers a wide variety of individual and family counseling services for the adolescents and parents. Vermont's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) has listed them as a preferred provider agency.

Rutland

Name: Carolyn Prescott Phone: 802-747-0655
Affiliation: Private Practice

Background: Carolyn has been an independent practitioner for many years. She specializes in working with adolescents and adults with substance abuse issues.

Montpelier

Name: Don Rhoades Phone: 802-223-8642
Affiliation: Five Rivers Counseling Group

Background: Don works as a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) with a noted specialty in the area of substance abuse treatment for adolescents.

Bennington

Name: David O'Brien United Counseling Services of Bennington
Phone: 802-442-5491 (contact person: Penny Hawkins-Farrara)
Affiliation: Designated Agency of Vermont

Background: United Counseling of Bennington has been one of the state's designated mental health agencies for many years. Providers associated with this agency receive referrals from Primary Care Physicians, schools and other local state and private agencies.

Burlington

Name: Annie Ramniceau Phone: 802-862-5396
Affiliation: Spectrum Youth and Family Services

Background: In the Burlington area, ADAP considers Spectrum a preferred provider agency. Annie is the director and trainer for the agency, which provides counseling, education and drop-in services for Burlington's adolescents. This program has participated in extensive training provided by ADAP on the evidenced based work of Motivational Interviewing in the treatment of substance abuse.