

Engaging and Supporting TAY Who Struggle with Substance Use Disorder Risks: Trends, Best Practices, and Partnerships with Youth and Families

DATE & TIME: September 30, 2026

9:00AM – 4:00PM

All registration is complete on EventsHub prior to the training. Check-in begins 15 minutes prior to the training time. All participants must arrive during the check-in period. Late arrivals will not be admitted.

PLACE: Dockweiler Youth Center
12505 Vista del Mar
Los Angeles 90293

PARKING: FREE Parking onsite. Parking passes will be provided to participants

REGISTRATION: <https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/Events/Trainings/Detail/13911>

This is a 6-hour training that will address young people that are transitioning into adulthood (Transitional Aged Youth) who often face significant personal, relational, and environmental stressors that increase risks for the onset and progression of co-occurring mental and substance use health risks. This training will provide TAY-serving providers with a comprehensive understanding of the unique mental health and substance use challenges faced by TAY, along with effective standards of care for addressing co-occurring risks. This includes the use of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), harm reduction approaches, and key programmatic and system-level considerations for supporting TAY with co-occurring mental health and substance use needs.

TARGET AUDIENCE: DMH and contract provider

OBJECTIVES: As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:

1. Discuss at least two (2) developmental considerations associated with mental and substance use health risks unique to Transitional Aged Youth –TAY populations.
2. Identify a minimum of two (2) best practices for engaging TAY and linking them appropriate care to address their co-occurring mental health and substance use needs.
3. Describe the mechanism and action of opioids and alcohol and their impact on the brain and body.
4. Identify the existing FDA-approved Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) for opioid, alcohol, and tobacco use disorders, and overdose-reversal medication, and discuss implementation consideration with TAY populations.
5. Describe programmatic considerations when implementing co-occurring services to meet the needs of TAY populations, including integration of MAT and other comprehensive care approaches.
6. Identify at least two (2) resources for improving TAY programming in local system settings

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DEADLINE:	When capacity is reached.
CONTINUING EDUCATION:	6.0 hours for BBS, BRN, CCAPP and Psychology to be offered by Azusa Pacific University
COST:	NONE