

# **Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Screening Tool Overview**

The Youth Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Prevention Screening Tool is a 5-question survey, administered by Prevention Staff, that asks about the frequency of drug use over the past year. Based on the youth's responses, Prevention providers can use the included algorithm to determine appropriate referral (continue in Prevention, Brief Intervention, Treatment). In addition to the Primary Prevention services many providers already provide, Brief intervention (also known as Indicated Prevention services) can also be offered through the SUBG contract. Brief Intervention typically includes additional education and referrals to ancillary support services that can prevent youth from continued AOD use.

The screening tool commonly will be used when a youth is referred to a Prevention Provider by a school teacher/administer due to a drug violation on campus (possession/use). Referrals for screening may also come from a concerned parent/guardian in the community. Screenings can be conducted at the Prevention Provider's discretion, usually individually with a youth (as opposed to a group).

Based on the results of a screening, a youth may be recommended for substance use treatment. Providers may self-refer, if their agency offers AOD treatment services. The SAPC Substance Abuse Services Helpline (SASH) and the online Service Bet and Availability Tool (SBAT) are also available for finding nearby Youth Treatment services.

When treatment isn't recommended, or if treatment is declined, Indicated Prevention Services (additional education) offered by Prevention Providers may be more appropriate in helping a youth avoid suspension or expulsion. This is usually combined with ancillary support services to help youth and their family. The combination of the additional education/support services will help youth avoid substance misuse.

The Screening tool is available to all Prevention Providers on the SAPC Prevention webpage. Contact your Prevention Liaison for more information. Additionally, there is a short video that providers can share with staff on how the Screening Tool works.