

Selecting a Treatment Provider

The following questions address the philosophy, quality, suitability and affordability of a service. Read them through. No answers are right for everyone. What answers are right for you? You may not know at first, but if

you think of one, jot it down. As you use the checklist, you will learn which replies you welcome and which mean "No go." If there's an imperfect answer that you can work around, write it into the "second best" column.

Checklist for _____
 Name of service

_____ Date



	Desired answer		Second best answer		Question
1.					Where is the facility located?
2.					Is the facility co-ed?
3.					What is the age range of the clients?
4.					Problematic drug use for the majority of the clients would be which drug?
5.					What is the method of referral?
6.					Is there a wait list?
7.					Is there a period of "clean time" required prior to admission? If so, how long is it?
8.					Does the facility have a detox?
9.					Are there medical personnel on staff? Psychiatrist? Nurse? Other?
10.					Will any medications be prescribed or allowed? (Especially important with methadone)
11.					Is counseling in private sessions or only in groups? How long and how often are these sessions?
12.					Please describe the philosophy and the approach of the program.
13.					What is the success rate?

14.				What program details can you provide?
15.				What is the policy concerning relapse?
16.				What constitutes a relapse?
17.				What are the rules that may result in discharge? (E.g., Smoking cigarettes)
18.				Is there re-imburement for any part of the program fee should the client withdraw or be asked to leave?
19.				What contact will there be for the client with those outside of the facility? (Visitors, weekends home, letters, phone calls etc.)
20.				What may the client bring and what is not permitted in the facilities? (Money, portable music, etc.)
21.				What recreational/leisure activities are available?
22.				What is the family involvement?
23.				Is there an aftercare program?
24.				How do you monitor that clients are not using drugs while taking part in treatment?
25.				Can the facility provide references?
26.				Is this facility accredited or licensed?
27.				What is this accreditation or license?
28.				How many staff members does the facility have?
29.				What are the qualifications of the staff? Degrees, certificates, diplomas, former addicts?
30.				What is the client-to-staff ratio?
31.				What is the staff turnover?