Innovations in Counseling: Working with Minority Populations- Part 4
Session 9: Considerations for Assessment, Diagnosis and Counseling of Teenagers with Addiction Issues

Webinar Follow-up Question and Answer Session with Dr. Kevin Doyle.

1. **Question from Keith Norman**
   How would you respond when a parent reports suicidal ideations but the client denies or does not present any suicidal risk?

   **Answer**
   A few thoughts here:
   - Continue to assess for suicidality (client)
   - Refer the parents to appropriate professionals
   - Consider family counseling/therapy
   - Continually reassess

2. **Question from Keosha Branch**
   Can drug use cause prolonged or repeated instances of dissociation or depersonalization?

   **Answer**
   Yes, that is possible, although I would not characterize it as common, particularly with adolescents. However, the substances adolescents use (hallucinogens, inhalants) can produce unpredictable effects.

3. **Question from Joshua Maldonado**
   What do you think of MAT treatment for adolescents?

   **Answer**
   I am not a medical doctor, of course, so I need to be careful of scope of practice here. I would generally not default to medication-assisted treatment first, but with a later adolescent in particular with a significant opiate problem, this is life-threatening, so MAT could very well be a viable option. I like to develop good consultative relationships with clients’ medical providers (PCPs).

4. **Question from Charmaine Rimple**
   Would you provide the name of the manual for levels of care for adults?

   **Answer**
   Sure: The ASAM Criteria: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions


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