

Substance Use Evaluations

If you are struggling with alcohol or illicit drug use or misuse issues, consider meeting with a qualified mental health / substance abuse professional to discuss how you can get help and support. Substance Use Evaluations are offered to TVH patients for the following purposes:

- Screening or evaluating the issue of alcohol or drugs in the individual's life - to determine problem severity, diagnosis determination, exploring various health and/or life consequences resulting from use/misuse, and identifying recommended level of care.
- Engaging the individual in therapeutic conversation to increase insight and awareness regarding substance use, explore his/her motivation toward behavioral change, and discuss readiness to engage in sober support and/or formal treatment services.
- Offering the individual referrals to structured addiction treatment programs within the local community, if recommended by the clinician. Referrals to sober support groups (such as AA) are also provided.

If you are a patient of The Villages Health (TVH), simply ask your primary healthcare provider for a referral to the Behavioral Health Department at TVH for you to attend a clinical evaluation regarding your alcohol or drug issue.

Please note – TVH's Substance Use Evaluations are not a substitute for a formal alcohol or drug evaluations that might be required by the court system or probation. If you were recently charged with an alcohol or drug related crime (such as DUI, public intoxication, etc.) - such court-ordered evaluations would need to be obtained by community providers designated and recognized by local county and/or state court systems.