



Scope of Practice

The scope of practice for the LCAS includes the diagnosis of both mental health and substance abuse related disorders. The assessment will result in either a diagnosis of a substance related disorder, a mental health disorder, a co-occurring disorder, or no diagnosis. When the completed assessment by the LCAS results in a mental health diagnosis only, then the LCAS will refer that individual to another licensed clinician qualified to treat that mental health disorder because it is not within the scope of practice for the LCAS to provide treatment for an individual with solely a mental health disorder. It is clearly within the scope of practice for the LCAS to assess and diagnose an individual with a substance related or co-occurring disorder.