



Utah County Division of Substance Abuse

Mission Statement, Philosophy & Principles

MISSION STATEMENT:

The goal of the Utah County Division of Substance Abuse is to prevent and reduce the harmful effects of alcohol and drug use in Utah County. Our range of services to achieve this goal includes: prevention, early intervention, treatment, and the continuing process of recovery.

PHILOSOPHY:

We believe that every person possesses the inherent capacity to change. We believe that every person should be treated with respect and dignity, regardless of their current or past choices. We believe that every person should be provided opportunities for change that are life enhancing.

PRINCIPLES:

Our primary commitment is to the general well-being and welfare of our clients, their families and the community.

We ensure that a distinction is always drawn between what a person does and who they are.

We strive to foster maximum self-determination on the part of the client and staff.

We promote healthy and safe choices that are life enhancing.

We respect privacy by holding confidential personal information.

We identify a person's skills, assets, deficiencies, and problems within a holistic concept.

We engage in personal and professional practices that do not exclude, stigmatize or stereotype.

We strive to reduce barriers for those seeking treatment or continuing care.

We provide evidence-based treatment that utilizes diverse modalities and multiple community resources.

We ensure that services are purposeful and appropriate to the needs of the client.

We ensure that a client's goals, objectives and progress are defined, measured and monitored.

We present information to clients and staff in terms that are clear, understandable, and useful.

We seek to understand unfamiliar philosophies, strategies, models, and belief systems.

We act in accordance with the highest standards of professional and personal conduct.