

# The Adult ASAM Criteria 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

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Washington State  
Health Care Authority

# American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria

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The ASAM Criteria is the most widely used and comprehensive set of guidelines for placement, continued stay and transfer/discharge of individuals with substance use disorder and co-occurring conditions.

The ASAM Criteria defines the treatment criteria and levels of care for the treatment of substance-related and co-occurring conditions. The ASAM Criteria structure is the underlying framework for our service codes, fiscal assumptions. Licensed BHA providers are required to use ASAM criteria. Our MCOs use the ASAM Criteria as a utilization management tool.

# ASAM criteria highlights

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The Adult ASAM Criteria 4th Edition is now available.

The State will adopt the new ASAM Criteria version in January of 2026.

To get ready to use the new version, the state will offer a series of training courses.

The courses will be held virtually and start in July 2024 through January 2026.

Trainings will be offered by the [Train for Change Company](#).

The Adolescent and Transition Age Youth version is anticipated to be released in 2026.

More information will be provided as it is available throughout the ASAM training rollout.



# Training opportunities



Is there a cost?

There is no cost for the training or materials.

Participants are responsible for buying the updated book.

[The ASAM Criteria 4<sup>th</sup> Edition book or online version can be purchased online.](#)



When are the trainings dates?

The trainings will be offered between July 2024 and January 2026.



Will CEUs be offered?

Yes, NAADAC CEUs are offered.



What is the training format?

All trainings will be held

virtually. <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/program-information-providers/american-society-addiction-medicine-asam>

# ASAM trainings are offered in three tiers



Tier 1: The Evolution of The ASAM Criteria:  
What's New in the Fourth Edition.

Great for a broad audience who works in the field and wants a consolidated overview of the ASAM updates.



Tier 2: Two-day ASAM Criteria Fourth Edition  
Skill-building Training.

Great for clinicians who are newer to the field or are SUDPTs who would benefit from an in-depth course.

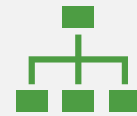


Tier 3: Implementation, Improvement,  
Sustainability and Coaching of the ASAM  
Criteria, A "How To," Science Based Approach.

Designed for clinical supervisors, directors, administrators, and decision makers who play a key role in implementation and ongoing support of adopting the changes within their organization.



# How to register and learn more about training



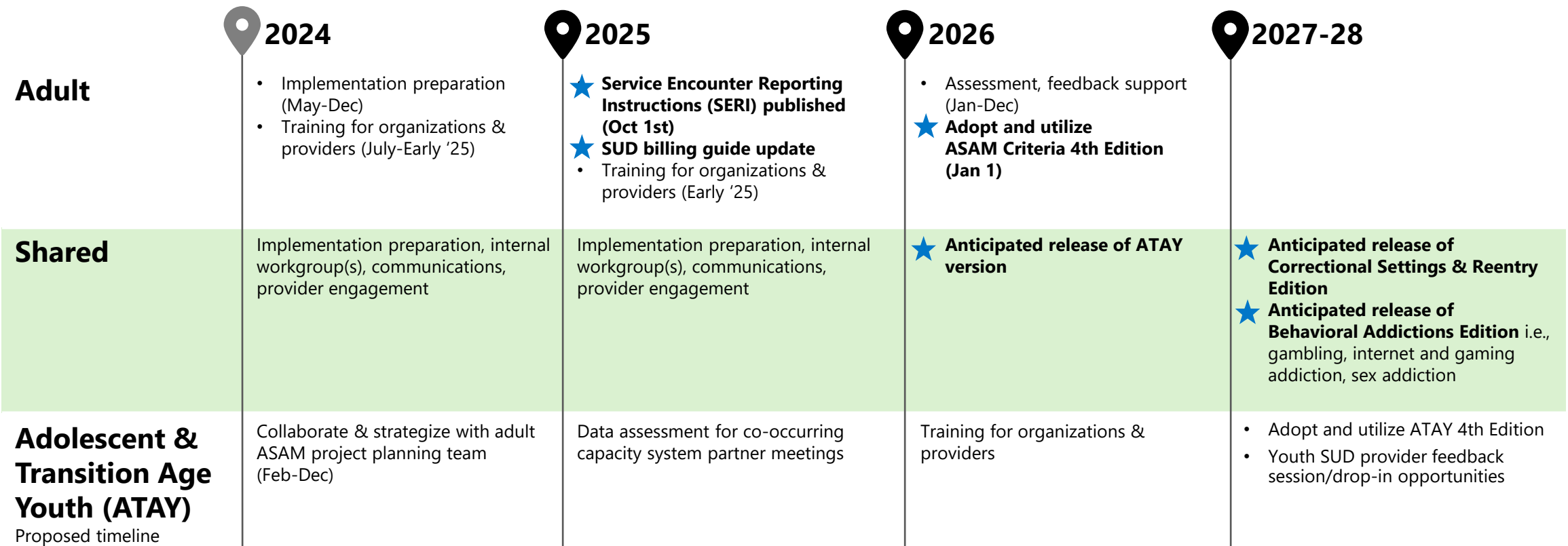
All training tiers are open for registration.



Read [the ASAM training FAQ](#) to find the training that works best for you needs.

# ASAM criteria update timeline

★ = Milestone date



# Funding to support ASAM 4 new levels of care

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The budget proposal will fund training, and technical assistance.

Funding is requested to raise rates for the following:

Co-occurring enhanced services

Adds long-term remission monitoring in outpatient services

Adds SUD high intensity outpatient (HIOP, 2.5)

Clinically managed low intensity residential

Medically Monitored intensive inpatient services





# Thank you

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- ▶ <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/program-information-providers/american-society-addiction-medicine-asam>