

## Common signs and symptoms of drug addiction

**You've built up a drug tolerance.** You need to use more of the drug to experience the same effects you used to attain with smaller amounts.

**You take drugs to avoid or relieve withdrawal symptoms.** If you go too long without drugs, you experience symptoms such as nausea, restlessness, insomnia, depression, sweating, shaking, and anxiety.

**You've lost control over your drug use.** You often do drugs or use more than you planned, even though you told yourself you wouldn't. You may want to stop using, but you feel powerless.

**Your life revolves around drug use.** You spend a lot of time using and thinking about drugs, figuring out how to get them, and recovering from the drug's effects.

**You've abandoned activities you used to enjoy,** such as hobbies, sports, and socializing, because of your drug use.

**You continue to use drugs, despite knowing it's hurting you.** It's causing major problems in your life—blackouts, infections, mood swings, depression, paranoia—but you use anyway.

## Common signs and symptoms of drug abuse

**You're neglecting your responsibilities** (e.g. flunking classes, skipping work, neglecting your children) because of your drug use.

**You're using drugs under dangerous conditions or taking risks while high,** such as driving while on drugs, using dirty needles, or having unprotected sex.

**Your drug use is getting you into legal trouble,** such as arrests for disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, or stealing to support a drug habit.

**Your drug use is causing problems in your relationships,** such as fights with your partner or family members, an unhappy boss, or the loss of old friends.

### GateWay's Mission

Through a variety of primary prevention, intervention and treatment strategies, GateWay works with numerous other local and state agencies and organizations in an attempt to reduce and control problems related to those abusing or at risk of abusing alcohol and other drugs.

**Our confidential services are provided without regard to sex, race, religion, national origin, age or handicap.**

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### Agency Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30-4:00 pm

Group services are also offered in the evenings

### WALK IN ASSESSMENTS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am or 1:30 pm

First come, first serve. Please allow 2 hours.

**GateWay Counseling Center is a smoke free building and campus.**

## Prevention

Prevention services are designed to help individuals, groups and the community to reduce the risk of developing problems associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by providing the following:

### Prevention services include:

Speakers for youth, adult and senior groups relating to a variety of topics

Participation in area health fairs, events and conferences

Participation on community coalitions, councils, boards, etc.

Alcohol and tobacco merchant education programs

Tobacco and alcohol merchant compliance checks

Education programs

The prevention department is an active part of the Laurens County Prevention Coalition (LCPC). The coalition's vision is: *A community focused on the well-being of our residents and visitors.* The mission is: *To foster a community where members are empowered to make positive choices.*

Please like and follow the LCPC on Facebook.

**All prevention services are data driven and researched based.**

## Intervention

Intervention services are designed to meet the needs of individuals showing signs of alcohol and/or other drug problems by providing assistance aimed at preventing further development of the problem.

### Intervention services include:

Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program (ADSAP) – This statewide service is for individuals who are convicted of operating a motor vehicle under the influence (DUI) or driving with an unlawful alcohol level (.08% or greater), who are referred by the SC Department of Natural Resources for boating under the influence (BUI), individuals whose license are suspended if they are charged under the zero tolerance (drivers under age 21) or have a blood alcohol concentration of .15, and for individuals that refuse to take a blood, breath or urine test. Successful completion of this program is required by South Carolina law in order for DUI offenders to be relicensed in the state of South Carolina.

## Treatment

Outpatient treatment services are designed to provide a variety of options to for individuals who are already experiencing problems related to alcohol and other drugs.

**Pregnant women and intravenous drug users are given priority for treatment services.**

### Treatment services include:

Individual, Family, and/or group counseling.

Group counseling from one to three times per week.

Adolescent Counseling (parent/guardian consent for services required for youth under the age of 16)

Crisis Intervention

Referral to detoxification services

Continuing Care Services

**Fees are based on ability to pay and no one is refused services because of inability to pay.**

**Gateway Counseling Center also provides instant and laboratory drug screening services for the community. Call for details.**



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