Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA)
Marion County Referral Form

The following are guidelines to decide whom to refer to EASA. Clients that are a good fit for EASA have symptoms of psychosis consistent with schizophrenia related conditions. Acceptance into the program will be based on further screening and assessment. Referents should explain to individuals that they are being referred for an assessment to determine whether EASA is a good fit for them and should continue to follow up with individuals referred until a decision regarding EASA is made.

Must meet all of the following

1. ___ Resides in Marion County
2. ___ Age 12-25
3. ___ The person has an IQ of 70 or above and does not have a previous diagnosis of a Pervasive Developmental Disorder (e.g. an autism spectrum disorder)
4. ___ The person has not received treatment for psychosis in the past year
5. ___ Psychotic symptoms are not related to substance abuse/use or a medical condition
6. ___ Symptoms have caused significant decline in academic, vocational, social, or personal functioning (sleep/hygiene).

And must meet either item below

7. ___ The individual has experienced significant worsening or new symptoms in one or more of the following areas in the last 12 months:
   * Thought disorganization as evidenced by disorganized speech and or/ writing. (Examples: confused conversations, not making sense, never getting to a point, unintelligible)
   * Behaviors, speech, or beliefs are uncharacteristic and/or bizarre
   * Complains of hearing voices or sounds that others do not hear
   * The individual feels that other people are putting thoughts in their head, stealing their thoughts, believes others can read their mind (or vice versa), and/or hear their own thoughts out loud
   * Episodes of depersonalization (Example: They believe that they do not exist or that their surroundings are not real)
   * Heightened sensitivities (lights, sounds etc.) and/or is experiencing visual distortions
   * Increased fear, anxiety or paranoia for no apparent reason or for an unfounded reason

~OR~

8. ___ Family history of a 1st degree relative (sibling or parent) with a major psychotic disorder

If the individual you are referring is in/an immediate danger to self or others, you will need to refer directly to the local crisis system. The crisis system will refer to EASA when the crisis resolves. To make a referral, call or fax a referral form to the EASA intake screener. Include all relevant assessments and releases of information.

Marion County Intake Coordinator: Phone: 503-576-4690 Fax: 503-584-4837
For general program inquiries, contact EASA Clinical Supervisor Patti Davidson at 503-566-2990

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EASA PROGRAM - REFERRAL FORM

Referral Date: ____________________________

Individual being referred

First Name: ______________________________ Last Name: ______________________________

Address: ________________________________ Phone: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________ Primary language(s): ______________________

Gender: FEMALE MALE OTHER

Ethnicity

☐ Black/African American ☐ Asian ☐ Other Hispanic
☐ Native American ☐ Hispanic (Mexican) ☐ Southeast Asian
☐ Caucasian/White ☐ Hispanic (Puerto Rican) ☐ Alaskan Native
☐ Other: ____________________________ ☐ Hawaiian or Other

How the client was referred

☐ Crisis System or ED ☐ Social Services Provider ☐ Public presentation
☐ Outpatient Mental Health Provider ☐ School ☐ Media
☐ Psychiatric Hospital ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Website
☐ Medical Provider ☐ Local advocacy group ☐ Law Enforcement or Corrections
☐ Other: ____________________________

Referent contact information: (Person making the referral)

First Name: ______________________________ Last Name: ______________________________

Phone: ________________________________ Fax: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________ Email: ________________________________

Relationship to person being referred: __________________________

Who should EASA contact regarding engaging the referred individual

First Name: ______________________________ Last Name: ______________________________

Phone: ________________________________ Fax: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________ Email: ________________________________

List of additional Contacts: (family, guardians, treatment providers, and other supports)

1) Name: ______________________________ Relationship: ______________________________

Phone: ______________________________ Contact this individual: YES NO

2) Name: ______________________________ Relationship: ______________________________

Phone: ______________________________ Contact this individual: YES NO

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Reason for Referral (specific symptoms, onset, frequency, severity, and duration)
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Cultural considerations that may impact screening and/or assessment
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Person’s knowledge about and/or reaction to this referral
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Family history of psychotic illness
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Other services received prior to referral
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Living Situation at Referral
☐ With Family  ☐ Spouse  ☐ Group Home  ☐ Hospital-Medical
☐ Alone  ☐ Foster Parents  ☐ Dorm  ☐ Hospital-Psychiatric
☐ Homeless  ☐ Friends  ☐ Juv. Detention  ☐ Residential Program
☐ Other:________________________

Educational Involvement at Referral
☐ Not in school–Wants to go  ☐ Part-time school  ☐ Full-time school
☐ Not in school–Does not want  ☐ Part-time trade  ☐ Full-time trade
☐ Part-time GED  ☐ Completed school

Last grade completed: ___________ (count each year after high school as a grade)

Employment at Referral
☐ Not working – Does not want  ☐ Working Part-time
☐ Not working – Wants to work  ☐ Working Full-time
☐ Not working – Seeking work  ☐ Not working age

Employment type at Referral
☐ Competitive
☐ Sheltered
☐ Volunteer

Insurance Status at admit (check all that apply)
☐ None
☐ OHP
☐ Medicare
☐ Private: __________________________

Name of Insurance Company
**Referent Information**

**Note:** The information *below* is voluntary and won’t affect the outcome of this referral. We use the information below to improve our outreach efforts.

**Is this your first referral to EASA?**

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**How did you hear about EASA**

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**Please check the category that best describes yourself**

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**EASA Follow Up:**
Frequently Asked Questions

*For information on EASA’s services and who to contact for referrals please go to our website:  
www.easacommunity.org
*For information on other the EASA programs visit:  
*You may also call 1-888-327-8817

**How can I help make the referral go more smoothly?**

**PLEASE fill out the referral form as completely as possible.** It is not uncommon for the EASA Intake Coordinator to review medical and/or mental health documentation regarding the client’s symptoms and current status. If you have access to additional supportive documentation and are able to provide this to EASA, please do so with signed releases of information. This will move the process along more quickly. However, it is not necessary to have such documentation to make a referral,

**What happens when I make a referral?**

The EASA Intake Coordinator for the individual’s county of residence will collect more information from you about the person’s symptoms, history, and situation. At that point, the Intake Coordinator may want to complete a screening assessment with the individual and/or family. Our goal is to make sure that each individual referred to EASA receives the most appropriate treatment or recommendations. Our program will provide a careful screening, including an initial differential diagnosis process. EASA asks that if you are currently working with someone who is referred to EASA, continue to maintain your involvement until EASA has formally accepted the person into ongoing services. If it is determined that EASA is not a good fit for the individual, we will support the individual, family, and/or referent to identified resources that are more likely to be helpful.

**When might EASA not accept someone who seems to fit the referral guidelines?**

EASA is a specialty program focusing on individuals whose symptoms are consistent with the early stages of schizophrenia and related conditions. A number of other conditions, such as ADHD, major depression, severe anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder can have symptoms similar to the early stages of a psychotic illness, but require a different form of treatment and support. EASA tries to ensure that the clinical services the person receives are appropriate to that person. EASA does not accept individuals whose treatment needs are different than EASA’s primary focus.

**Does EASA accept people who are actively using illicit drugs?**

We serve a population of young people who have symptoms of psychosis and they may utilize illegal and legal substances, however, we will not automatically exclude or screen out those individuals as a result. However, if as part of the initial screening process, EASA learns that the drug use is the primary contributor to the current symptoms, the individual will be screened out and referred to more appropriate services.

**Does EASA ever accept individuals over the age of 25 or under the age of 12?**

Yes, EASA will consider accepting individuals into the program outside our age criteria if it is determined in the screening that all other criteria are met. However, EASA’s focus is on serving the developmental needs of individuals in the transitional age range. To meet the needs of our current clients, EASA will not accept individuals significantly outside of our age criteria.

**What if the person I want to refer is appropriate for EASA but does not want help?**

EASA can be very flexible in working with the individual’s support system to provide them with information and strategies for engaging the individual. EASA can also meet the client in an environment that is comfortable for them, and engage them in a way that is not entirely focused on mental health treatment.
Will EASA accept people who are acutely psychotic?
Yes. However, if EASA feels the individual is at risk of harming oneself or others we may ask and/or assist in the individual receiving hospital care. If the client is appropriate for services we will stay involved with the individual and the family throughout this episode.

Will EASA accept people who have been ill for longer than 12 months?
We recognize that it can take years for a serious mental illness to be diagnosed, and we will accept individuals who have had a lengthy “at risk” period prior to coming to the attention of mental health professionals. However, if an individual carries a diagnosis of a schizophrenia related illness for more than a year, they are likely not appropriate for EASA.

Will EASA accept someone who is developmentally delayed/disabled and experiencing psychosis?
We normally do not, as this individual would have special needs beyond EASA’s treatment parameters, and may be better served by the DD system.

What does it cost to be served by EASA? Does EASA take insurance?
EASA will bill insurance, whether OHP or private, for all applicable services. Our mission is to serve eligible individuals regardless of ability to pay, though we would ask people to do their best to pay for services rendered so that EASA can sustain its services into the future.

How long does it take someone to be accepted into EASA?
Once a referral form is received, the Intake Coordinator will typically contact the referent within two business days to begin the screening process. From there, the process can take anywhere from 1 day to several weeks depending on the information available, the acuity of the individual, and the availability of the individual and their support system. EASA will keep the referent informed of their progress throughout the screening process. You will be notified directly when the client is accepted. If the client is screened out, you will be notified by phone and/or letter.