



INTERVENTION WEBINAR

How Codependency Impacts Addiction and Mental Health Treatment Outcomes

 Starting Soon



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What Codependency Really Is (And What It Isn't)



- Codependency is **not love, loyalty, or support**
- It is a behavioral adaptation to chaos, addiction, or untreated mental health
- It develops when family members:
 - Regulate their emotions through someone else
 - Gain purpose through managing or rescuing
 - Avoid discomfort by controlling outcomes
- Codependency is a **family survival strategy**, not a character flaw

How Codependency Forms in Families



- Addiction and mental health disorders introduce:
 - Chaos
 - Unpredictability
 - Fear
- Families adapt by:
 - Taking on roles (Hero, Martyr, Enabler, Scapegoat)
 - Lowering expectations over time
 - Confusing peace with avoidance
- These adaptations happen slowly and unconsciously

Codependency and the Illusion of Control



- Codependency convinces families they can:
 - Manage outcomes
 - Prevent relapse
 - Keep the peace
 - Protect the loved one from consequences
- In reality:
 - Control reduces accountability
 - Comfort delays change
 - Fear drives decision-making
- Both the family and the loved one become **stuck in avoidance**

How Codependency Undermines Treatment Entry



- Codependent dynamics often:
 - Delay interventions
 - Sabotage follow-through
 - Keep families “waiting for the right moment”
- Families unknowingly:
 - Protect the addiction or untreated mental health
 - Fear upsetting the loved one more than staying stuck
 - Ask, “What if they say no?” instead of “What if nothing changes?”

Why Codependency Increases Treatment Dropout (AMA)



- After treatment begins, codependency shows up as:
 - Over-involvement
 - Reactivity to emotions
 - Inconsistent boundaries
 - Panic when the loved one is uncomfortable
- This leads to:
 - Manipulation from the client
 - Pressure on clinicians
 - Early discharge attempts
- Families often mistake distress for danger

The “Yes Is Harder Than the No” Reality



- When a loved one says no:
 - The family remains familiar with chaos
- When a loved one says yes:
 - Family roles collapse
 - Purpose is lost
 - Resentments surface
- Codependency is exposed after treatment starts—not before

Family Change Is the Primary Predictor of Outcome



- Research and experience consistently show:
 - Treatment outcomes improve when families change
 - Relapse risk decreases with strong boundaries
 - Accountability beats monitoring
- Families do not cause addiction
- Families do influence whether it continues

Recovery Requires Family Detachment, Not Abandonment



- Healthy detachment means:
 - Letting go of control
 - Allowing consequences
 - Reducing emotional reactivity
 - Reclaiming your own life
- This is not punishment
- This is **systemic correction**
- When the family gets healthier:
 - The environment changes
 - The addiction becomes uncomfortable
 - Treatment has a chance to work

Stop Accepting Excuses and Start Getting Help

Questions? The Floor Is Yours!

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