Twelve Step Facilitation
Adherence Competence Empathy Scale
(TSF ACES)

1. TSF ACES Fidelity Rating Manual
2. Group Sessions Rating Form
3. Individual Session 1 Rating Form
4. Individual Session 2 Rating Form
5. Individual Session 3 Rating Form

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References:


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General Ratings Guidelines

Confidentiality:

All audio files and rating scores are confidential material. While listening to files and rating sessions, please ensure that you do so in a place where others except those working on the study cannot hear the sessions. Every effort should be made to ensure that audio files and rating materials are handled in a confidential and secure manner. Do not leave open audio files or rating material unattended. Completed ratings will be stored on personal computers or other electronic devices until ratings have been received by UCSF, and rater has been notified. Audio files will not be downloaded to computers or other electronic devices. Do not discuss the content of sessions with anyone other than project staff. Computers used for access to audio files or where ratings materials are completed must be password protected.

Use the Coding Manual during Each Rating:

Raters should refer to this manual, CTN 31C Supplemental Coding Information (Appendix 2) and the STAGE-12 Coding Manual when rating a session. It is important that the rater be completely familiar with the each item on the rating form.

Rate Extensiveness and Skill:

**Individual content items**: Raters are asked to rate both Extensiveness, also known as adherence, (i.e., completeness and depth) and Skill for each content item. Skill ratings should be anchored by the extensiveness rating. That is, the rater should begin with the same rating that was scored for extensiveness and move up or down the scale based on skill elements that either added to or detracted from the counselor’s coverage of that item.

**Global Score**: Consider extensiveness scores when rating Competency for whole session (last item on the scale) and when rating group review and check-in “Overall” item.

Overall, how well did the counselor conduct this session?
- A score of 6 indicates that the counselor did an exceptional job during the session, and he or she received primarily 6s on the items.
- Other “passing” scores (5s) indicate that the counselor has performed adequately. Most items have been scored highly for counselors receiving passing competency scores.
- A score between 1 and 4 is considered below the threshold of competency. Such
scores indicate that the counselor needs feedback and supervision before conducting future sessions.

**Rate Observable Counselor Behaviors:**

Each element of a STAGE-12 session should be rated according to the counselor’s behavior, not the client’s behavior or response. The client’s responses may impact how the counselor presents each item or follows up; however, raters should evaluate whether the counselor conducted the STAGE-12 item described by each rating and the elements must have explicitly occurred, not just have been implied by the counselor’s behavior.

**Avoid Haloed Ratings:**

An adherence rating scale is designed for the purpose of describing the counselor’s behavior in the session. In order to use the scale correctly, it is essential that the rater objectively rate what actually occurred. The rater should always apply the same standards for rating an item regardless of:

1. The type of therapy the rater thinks he/she is rating; how well the rater likes/dislikes the intervention
2. Ratings given to other items;
3. How good a counselor the rater thinks the clinician is.

**Rate Every Item by Checking Whole Numbers:**

This scale is designed so that every item is rated for every session. Do not leave any item blank. Items that do not apply are marked as ‘not applicable’. If a content item of the session is conducted out of order, the rater should find the corresponding item(s) on the rating form and rate that item of the session. Although raters may be tempted to give a score between whole numbers (e.g., 4.5) only **whole numbers** are acceptable scores. Thus, please check only whole numbers for each item.

**Making Final Ratings: Review the Entire Session and Rate Items Which Have Occurred Out of Order:**

Raters should listen to the entire session before making final ratings. For group sessions, the items covered during review and check-in are rated separately from
the items covered during the group topic portion of the session. Check-in items that occur shortly after the counselor has begun the topic portion of the session may be rated for check-in (i.e., the counselor realizes she/he missed an item and returns to complete it). Check-in items that are covered after 10 minutes or so of group content will not be counted for check-in. Raters should make preliminary ratings when an item has occurred. If that item is covered again later in the session, the additional information should be used for the final rating. As noted, for group sessions, this only refers to things covered during review & check-in to be used for scoring review and check in items, and things covered during the topic portion of the sessions to be used for ratings items for that portion of the session. If an item occurs out of the order it is presented in the STAGE-12 manual, it should still be rated. (Please note: If an item does occur out of order, raters should consider the appropriateness of timing of that item when rating its skill. Skill level scores may decrease with items presented out of order during the session.) In addition, it may help to take notes while listening to the session using the Ratings worksheet. (See Appendix 1 for the ASGS worksheet.) Alternatively, raters can record this information on the comments section of the ratings form. Note taking may enhance the accuracy of the ratings because it provides raters with information critical for making final ratings on all the items and assists later review of sessions.

EXTENSIVENESS RATING SCALES

Raters should use the following definitions to make their extensiveness (adherence) ratings for each item. The extensiveness scale is used to rate how fully or completely an item was covered by the counselor. Extensiveness ratings are done for items that are prescribed by the STAGE-12 treatment manual, that is, components of each session that should be included. In addition, the extensiveness scale is used to rate some items that are proscribed, that is, counselor behaviors that should not be included.

Ratings:

1 = Not at all. The item never explicitly occurred. (Covered 0%)

2 = Covered about 1-20%*

3 = Somewhat (Covered about 21-40%)*

4 = Covered about 41-60%*

5 = Considerably (Covered about 61-80%)*

6 = Extensively (Covered over 80%)*

Not Applicable. The coding manual describes examples of N/A ratings.
The starting point for rating each item on the Extensiveness scale is “1”. The rater should assign a rating of greater than “1” only if he/she hears examples of the behavior specified in the item.

* The percentages are rough guides to help quantify extensiveness.

**Rating Extensiveness of Prescribed Content Items**

Please use the STAGE-12 Coding Manual as a guide for scoring the extensiveness of each content item for each session. The coding manual describes examples of extensiveness, as well as situations for which not applicable fits for a particular item.

**Rating Extensiveness of Proscribed Items**

There are three items describing counselor behaviors that should not occur that will be rated for each group and individual session. See Appendix 3 for more detail:

1. To what extent did the counselor present didactic material in an overly structured, non-interactive manner?

   - Not at all – high level of interaction among participants about the topic; used open ended questions, asked for examples, relevant experiences, opinions
   - Extensively – Presented material as a lecture; spoke for most of the session, did not seek participants input; group members mostly silent

2. To what extent did the counselor use excessive, inappropriate or irrelevant self-disclosure?

   - Not at all – Did not self-disclose at all or used some self-disclosure that had a good, clinical rationale (e.g., to model something, to express universality, to “normalize”, to build therapeutic alliance (TA), etc.)
   - Extensively – Spoke about self experiences at length and/or in a way that was likely to have a very negative clinical impact (e.g., make participants very uncomfortable, model something negative, decrease TA, violate professional boundaries)

3. To what extent did the counselor allow the prescribed focus of the session to shift to irrelevant topics?

   - Not at all – Presentation/discussion centered on designated session topics.
   - Extensively – Topic moved away from manual outline for a large majority of the session (i.e., low extensiveness scores) (Make a note in comments if this was due to a clinical emergency and was an appropriate response).
Please rate these items using the extensiveness scale. The starting point for rating each proscribed item on the Extensiveness scale is “1”. The rater should assign a rating of greater than “1” only if he/she hears examples of the behavior specified in the items.

SKILL LEVEL RATING SCALES

Skill Level generally refers to the counselor’s demonstration of:
• Expertise, competence and commitment
• Appropriate timing of intervention
• Clarity of communication
• Responding to where the client appears to be (i.e., attunement to the client).

Skill Level ratings are completed for:
1) Individual content items;
2) Rating counselor empathy for the whole session;
3) Rating global skill for the whole session.

Raters should use the following definitions to make their final Skill Level ratings for each item:

**Ratings:**
1 = Unsatisfactory. The counselor handled this in an unacceptable, even ‘toxic’, manner or the counselor did not cover the item and it was rated “1 = Not at all” for Extensiveness.

2 = The counselor handled this poorly (e.g., showing lack of expertise, understanding, competence, or commitment, inappropriate timing, unclear language).

3 = Fair. The counselor handled this in less than ‘average’ manner.

4 = The counselor handled this in a manner slightly below the threshold of competency.

5 = Good. The counselor handled this in a manner characteristic of a “good enough” therapist. This score is considered above the threshold level of competency in the STAGE-12 clinical trial.

6 = Excellent The counselor demonstrated a high level of mastery in this area.

**Not Applicable (N/A).** This rating is to be used for individual content items that have been rated “not applicable” on the extensiveness scale.

**Rating Skill of Individual Items**
Individual items for each session that are rated for extensiveness are also rated for skill using the skill level rating scales. An item that has been rated “1” = “not at all” on the extensiveness scale will receive a “1” = “unsatisfactory” on the skill level scale. An item that has received an “not applicable” on the extensiveness scale will receive an “not applicable” for skill level. The starting point for rating skill level for each individual item that has occurred and is applicable should be “5.” That is, raters should begin by assuming that a counselor will perform at a “good enough” level. Raters assigning scale scores above or below a “5” should have examples or guidelines that describe how counselor behavior is of higher or lower quality than a “good” rating of 5.

**Rating Global Empathy**

**Empathy**
This rating is intended to capture how well the therapist understands and/or makes an effort to grasp the client’s perspective. It is a global rating for the whole session using the skill level scale as follows:

1 = **Unsatisfactory** The counselor handled this in an unacceptable, even ‘toxic’ manner. Empathy is lacking when the counselor shows little interest in the client’s perspective and experiences. There is little effort to gain a deeper understanding of complex events and emotions. Clinicians low in empathy may probe for factual information or to pursue an agenda, but they do not do so for the main purpose of understanding the client’s perspective.

2 = The counselor handled this poorly (e.g., showing lack of understanding,).

3 = **Fair.** The counselor handled this in a less than ‘average’ manner.

4 = The counselor handled this in a manner slightly below the threshold of competency

5 = **Good.** The counselor showed a good level of empathy, characteristic of an ‘average’, ‘good enough’ therapist.

6= **Excellent** The counselor demonstrated a high level of excellence and mastery in understanding and efforts to grasp client’s perspective.

Empathy is evident when the counselor shows an active interest in making sure he/she understands what the client is saying. It can also be apparent when the counselor accurately follows or perceives a complex story or statement by the client or probes gently to gain clarity. Reflective listening is an important part of this characteristic, but this global rating is intended to capture all efforts that the therapist makes to understand the client’s perspective and convey that understanding to the client.
The starting point for rating skill level for global empathy should be “5.” That is, raters should begin by assuming that a counselor will behave adequately or at an average level. Raters assigning scale scores above or below a “5” should have examples or guidelines that describe how counselor behavior is of higher or lower empathy than an “adequate” rating of 5.

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Rating Global Skill (i.e., Competency Score) for Whole Session

Each session will be rated for global skill shown by the counselor in conducting the session using the skill level rating scale. Please note that the STAGE-12 Coding Manual refers to global skill as a competency score. In rating global competency, both skill and extensiveness are considered.

- A score of 6 indicates that the counselor did an exceptional job during the session, and he or she received primarily 6s on the items.
- Other passing scores (5s) indicate that the counselor has performed adequately. Most items have been scored highly for counselors receiving passing competency scores.
- A score between 1 and 4 is considered below the threshold of competency. Such scores indicate that the counselor needs feedback and supervision before conducting future sessions

NOTES:
Appendix 1

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Group Sessions Worksheet

Node: _ _  CTP ID #: _ _ _ _  Topic: _ _ _  Session Date: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _

ASGS CHECK-IN items

1.) Reactions to recovery tasks:
   - Written journal
   - Meetings
   - Readings
   - Written assignments

2.) Encourage participation:
   - Meeting attendance
   - Recent experiences at meetings
   - Congratulate clean days and efforts
   - Resistance to meetings and other recovery tasks (resistance as symptom of disease)
   Best way to stay clean through active involvement

3.) Assigned reading:
   - Understanding of material
   - Think through and apply
   - Address barriers if necessary
   - N/A if first group for all; if no one has done readings

4.) Urges/cravings:
   - Assessed for cravings
   - How cravings were experienced
   - How cravings were managed
   - Other 12-step tools for cravings
   - N/A if no cravings since last group

5.) Slips during the past week (or since last group):
   - What set off the behavior
   - Role of denial
   - Encourage re-review acceptance

6.) Getting active:
   - Number of mtg since last group
   - Progress with getting a sponsor
   - Service work,
   - Calling members

Extensiveness Rating:
### ASGS Content Items

**1a. Interactively cover objectives and content**

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**1b. Skill Level:**
- Expertise, competence and commitment
- Appropriate timing of intervention
- Clarity of communication
- Attunement to the client;
- Encouragement, respect, praise

**2a. Encourage getting active or planning 12-step activities**
- How used/could use 12-step programs
- How used/could use recovery material
- Decide on frequency of meetings
- Helping to set up or clean up
- Talking with a sponsor or AA/NA friend
- Using program slogans
- Working the steps w/sponsor or counselor
- Learning from reading materials

**2b. Skill Level:**
- Expertise, competence and commitment
- Appropriate timing of intervention
- Clarity of communication
- Attunement to the client
- Encouragement, respect, praise

3a. **Assign recovery tasks:**
- List each task responsible for next session
- Statement about page numbers (when appropriate)
- Writing assignment to be discussed
- Reiterated even if discussed previously

3b. **Skill Level:**
- Expertise, competence and commitment
- Appropriate timing of intervention
- Clarity of communication
- Attunement to the client
- Encouragement, respect, praise

**Proscribed Behaviors**
4. **Present in overly structured, non-interactive manner:**
- Presented material as a lecture
- Spoke for most of the session
- Did not seek participants input
- Group members mostly silent

5. **Excessive, inappropriate or irrelevant self-disclosure:**
- Make participants uncomfortable
- Model something negative
- Decrease TA
- Violate professional boundaries

6. **Shift to irrelevant topics:**
- Moved away from manual outline for a large majority of the session
- Low extensiveness scores
- (Note in comments if due to a clinical emergency or appropriate response)

7. **Empathy**
- Active interest in making sure he/she understands what the client is saying
- Accurately follows or perceives a complex story or statement
- Probes gently to gain clarity
- Reflective listening is an important part of this characteristic

8. **Overall skill**
- Use both skill and extensiveness
- 6 - Exceptional and received primarily 6s
- 5-6 Good; Performed adequately and received mostly 4, 5 & 6s
- 1-4 - Below threshold of competency and received mostly low scores
- **Appendix 2**

**Supplemental information about coding TSF ACES**

Items coded as “Not Applicable”

**ASGS**

**ASGS Check-in (Group session, page 1)**

1. Item 1 on the check-in is coded as “Not Applicable” when the group consists of all new group members. Item 1 asks about recovery tasks assigned during the previous group, which does not apply to a group session in which every participant in the group is new.
2. Item 3 on the check-in is coded as “Not Applicable” when the group consists of all new group members. For rationale, see ASGS check-in Item 1.
3. Item 4 is coded as “Not Applicable” if all group members state that they have not had thoughts/urges/cravings since the last group session or within the last week. It is also rated 8 if first group for all members.
4. Item 5 is often coded as “Not Applicable”. The item is coded as “Not Applicable” if all group members state that they have not had any slips since the previous group session or within the last week. It is also rated 8 if first group for all members.

**ASIS**

**ASIS-2 (Individual session #2, participant did attend a meeting)**

1. Item 2 is rated as “Not Applicable” when a participant indicates that he or she has not written in the journal since last session.
2. Item 3 is coded as “Not Applicable” when a participant indicates that he or she already has a sponsor. If the participant has a temporary sponsor, the “Not Applicable” rating should not be used and the counselor should be given a score based on discussing with participant efforts to connect with a permanent sponsor.

**ASIS-2 (Individual session #2, participant did not attend a meeting)**

1. Item 3 is coded “Not Applicable” if the participant reported previously connecting with the 12-Step volunteer.

**ASIS-3 (Individual session #3, participant did attend a meeting)**

1. Item 2 is rated as “Not Applicable” when a participant indicates that he or she has not written in the journal since last session.
3. **Item 3** is coded “Not Applicable” when a participant indicates that he or she already has a sponsor. If the participant has a temporary sponsor, the “Not Applicable” rating should not be used and the counselor should be given a score of based on discussing with participant efforts to connect with a permanent sponsor.

**ASIS-3 (Individual session #3, participant did not attend a meeting)**

1. **Item 3** is coded “Not Applicable” if the participant reported previously connecting with the 12-Step volunteer.

**Items on which STAGE-12 treatment manual and ratings forms have a differing emphasis**

- The STAGE-12 manual and the ratings forms/coding manual differ in terms of their emphases for ASIS individual sessions 2 and 3. Counselors are still rated based on the fidelity forms; however, these discrepancies may account for lower rated scores on these sessions. The following are examples of the differences between STAGE-12 manual and ratings form/coding manual:
  - ASIS Session 2 Item 5, participant did attend (Item 4, participant did not attend) indicates that counselor: “Instruct the participant to keep a written journal to record 12-Step meetings attended and personal reactions about the meetings attended.” However, the guidelines for Individual Session 2 in the STAGE-12 manual do not explicitly state that counselors instruct participants to keep a written journal.
  - ASIS Session 3 Item 2, participant did attend, instructs the counselor to: “Review participant’s written journal from the last session until the present time.” However, no language in the STAGE-12 manual indicates that the counselor review the journal. Similarly, this same item is on ASIS Sessions 2 Item 2, participant did attend a meeting. The STAGE-12 manual does not explicitly instruct counselor to review the journal in the second individual session, although text indicates: “A review of the patient’s reaction to assigned readings or journal give the counselor an opening to assist the patient in working through barriers that he or she may be experiencing in becoming actively involved in 12-Step programs.”
  - ASIS, Session 3, participant did attend a meeting Item 8 (Ask whether the participant is willing to continue keeping his/her journal). *Note: this item is identical (and identically coded) to Item 7 of ASIS Session 3, participant did not attend a meeting.*
    - This item is coded in a dichotomous way:
      - A score of 6 is designated to counselors who ask the stated question.
      - A score of 1 is designated to counselors who do not ask this question.

**Additional Item Guidelines**

- ASIS First individual session, Item 4. (Encourage the participant to set goals for attending 12-Step meetings, “working” Steps 1-3; joining a home group, and getting a sponsor.)
  - This item is less structured, and therefore can and should occur throughout the entire session, and this item also requires the counselor to use his or her own skill and style to
encourage the participant to get active in 12-Step. The coding manual provides some specific guidelines as to what constitutes a high score on this item.

- ASGS Check-in Item 1. (Group session, page 1, the item text states: Review members’ reactions to last week’s group session recovery tasks.)
  - This item measures counselors’ skills in reviewing the recovery tasks from the previous group. Most of the time, counselors are required to check-in about several tasks with several group members. To score highly on this item, counselors need to practice good group facilitation skills by: attending to multiple individuals, gathering information in an interactive way (counselor elicit reactions to tasks, not just participation), and moving the session along in an efficient way.
APPENDIX 3

Ratings Guidelines for Empathy and Proscribed Items

Rating Proscribed Items

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There are three items describing counselor behaviors that should not occur that will be rated for each group and individual session:

1. To what extent did the counselor present didactic material in an overly structured, non-interactive manner?
   - Not at all (1) – Counselor presented material in a manner creating a reasonable level of input from participants, including asking questions, (e.g., may have asked for examples, relevant experiences and reactions).
   - Somewhat – (2-3) Counselor may have read the intervention outline in several places; counselor may have presented the material as a lecture and in a number of places where the intervention manual mentions seeking participant input, the counselor did not do so.
   - Considerably – (4-5) Counselor did not seek participant input in many places where it is called for in intervention manual; may have read a lot of the intervention outline. Participants mostly silent.
   - Extensively – (6) Presented material almost exclusively as a lecture, (including getting minimal input from participants during group check-in) spoke for almost entirety of the session, did not seek participants input; group members almost completely silent. (This rating level is not likely to occur.)

2. To what extent did the counselor use excessive, inappropriate or irrelevant self-disclosure?
   - Not at all (1) – Did not self-disclose (i.e., talk about self) at all or used some self-disclosure that had a good, clinical rationale (e.g., to model something about 12-STEP participation, to express universality, to “normalize”, to build therapeutic alliance (TA), etc.)
     - Example of appropriate self-disclosure: “I’ve always found speakers' meetings very helpful.”
     - Example of more extensive, and still appropriate self-disclosure:
In response to client who was hospitalized and had pain medication in the house and whose husband also had his own pain medication that he kept hidden – client said they always had emergency pain medication but that she would ask her husband to ‘dose’ it out to her: “My dad has asked me to keep hydrocodone in my house because he didn’t want my brother stealing them from him; but you know what? - I’ve been sober 26 years, I don’t have any cravings to use any kind of anything but I know my addiction and I know what a terrorist it is and I know it is going to try and get back in the door any kind of way and I don’t want the thought of it occupying my mind and I told my dad I’d just rather not do it could you get someone else to do it? …but the point is though I have to take care of my recovery regardless of who doesn’t like it or who it inconveniences – I would love to help my dad out but I’m not going to do it. I don’t want to give my disease the opportunity to play with my mind…”

- Somewhat – (2-3) – Counselor self-disclosures may generally be appropriate (e.g., about 12-Step experiences) but makes numerous self-disclosures and these detract from participants’ opportunities to offer examples or reactions; or counselor makes a few mildly inappropriate self-disclosures.

- Considerably (4-5) – Counselor makes numerous self-disclosures, and/or quite a few of them are inappropriate.

- Extensively (6) – Counselor speaks about self at length and in a way that is likely to have a very negative clinical impact (e.g., make participants very uncomfortable, models something very negative, violates professional boundaries/ethics).

3. To what extent did the counselor allow the prescribed focus of the session to shift to irrelevant topics?

- Not at all – Presentation/discussion centered on designated session topics.

- Somewhat – (2-3) – Counselor went off topic a few times and at least one of those times lasted for a while (more than 3-5 minutes) and/or counselor allowed participants to drift off topic a few times and at least one of those lasted for a while (more than 3-5 minutes).

- Considerably - (4-5) Counselor went off topic or allowed participants to go off topic more than 5 times and at least 2 of those were quite long (more than 5 minutes)

- Extensively (6) – Topic moved away from manual outline for a large majority of the session (i.e., low extensiveness scores) (Make a note in comments if this was due to a clinical emergency and was an appropriate response).

Note: Please rate these items using the extensiveness scale. The starting point for rating each prescribed item on the Extensiveness scale is “1”. The rater should assign a rating of greater than “1” only if he/she hears examples of the behavior specified in the items.
Guidelines for Rating Global Empathy

This rating is intended to capture the extent to which the counselor understands and/or makes an effort to accurately understand the client’s perspective. A rating should be made starting at 5 (i.e., average counselor empathy) and moving toward either the high (6) or low (1) end of the scale based on the following criteria:

**High Empathy.** Counselors high on this scale show an active interest in making sure they understand what the client is saying, including the client's perceptions, situation, meaning, and feelings. The counselor accurately follows or perceives a client’s complex story or statement or probes gently to gain clarity. Reflective listening is an important part of empathy, but this global rating is intended to capture all efforts by the counselor to understand accurately the client’s perspective and convey that understanding back to the client. Nevertheless, a high rating on Empathy requires more than question asking, and reflects skillful use of reflective listening.

**Low Empathy.** Counselors at the low end of this scale show little interest in the client’s own perspective and experiences. There is little effort to gain a deeper understanding of complex events and emotions. Counselors low in empathy may probe for factual information or to pursue an agenda, but they do not do so for the sole purpose of understanding their client’s perspective. Reflective listening is noticeably absent.

Counselor statements or questions that are usually associated with empathy:

**Open Questions**
An Open Question need not be in the form of a question. “Tell me more”, is an Open Question. These are all Open Questions:
“How do you feel about that?”
“In what ways has that been difficult?
An Open Question need not be in the form of a question. “Tell me more”, is an Open Question.

**Reflections.**
A reflection is a reflective listening statement made by the counselor in response to a client statement. Reflective listening involves carefully listening to the client and communicating back what the client says, often in a slightly modified form, and sometimes including reflection of the client’s stated or implied feelings. Reflection does not include advice, or the therapist’s opinion. Types of reflective listening range from simple to complex and include:

- Nonverbal Attending
- Summarizing what client has said
- Hypothesis testing in the form of questions - listener checks to see whether he/she understood speaker’s meaning (E.g., “Are you saying that…?” “May I check to see if I understand what you’re saying …?”)
- Hypothesis testing in the form of statements, as opposed to questions. (E.g., Alt sounds like you…@ A So, you…@ A It seems to you that…@)
- Reflective statements can be simple or more complex as follows:
  - a. Repeating

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1 Some information adapted from Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity (MITI) Code: Version 2.0Theresa B. Moyers, Tim Martin, Jennifer K. Manuel & William R. Miller, University of New Mexico, Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions (CASAA)
b. Rephrasing - using slightly different word

c. Paraphrasing - using words which infer and extend meaning of what was said
d. Reflection of feeling - infers and emphasizes the emotional meaning of what was said.

Examples of reflective statements:

#1. Client: “I’ve made it through the worst of the detox and I’m not going to waste it.”

- Rephrasing: “You’ve handled the worst of the detox and you’re not going to let it go to waste.”
- Paraphrasing: “You’ve put in a lot of effort to get through detox and you’re not going to throw away what you’ve accomplished.”
- Reflection of feeling: “It sounds as though feel proud of how you’ve hung in there and made it through so far, and you’re determined not to waste your effort.”

#2. Client: “I wouldn’t mind coming here for treatment but I don’t want to go to one of those places where everyone sits around crying and complaining all day.”

   Counselor: “You don’t want to do that.” Simple Reflection
   Counselor: “So you’re kind of wondering what it would be like here.” Complex Reflection
   Client: “The court sent me here.”
   Counselor: “That’s why you’re here.” Simple Reflection
   Counselor: “That’s the only reason you’re here.” Complex Reflection (by implication)

   Client: “At one time I was pretty much anti anything but marijuana.”
   Counselor: “Marijuana was OK” Simple Reflection
   Counselor: “That’s where you drew the line.” Complex Reflection

   Client: “Everyone’s getting on me about my drinking.”
   Counselor: “Kind of like a bunch of crows pecking at you.” Complex Reflection (simile)

   Client: “I don’t like what smoking does to my health, but it really reduces my stress.”
   Counselor: “On one hand you’re concerned about your health, on the other you need the relief.” Complex Reflection (double-sided)

Counselor statements that are not examples of empathy:

- Giving information
- Giving directions
- Giving advice
- Offering opinions
- Discussing the counselor’s point of view
- Confronting resistance
- Asking for factual information without a follow-up about what the client’s experience was
- Using a critical or judgmental tone in what is said
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**Check session topic (check only one):**
- Topic 1: Step 1 and Acceptance
- Topic 2: People, Places, Things
- Topic 3: Steps 2 and 3, and Surrender
- Topic 4: Getting Active in 12-Step Program
- Topic 5: Managing Emotions

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- Unsatisfactory 1 2 3 4 5 6
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#### 1a
Cover objectives and content of group session in an interactive manner with clients.
- Topic 1: Format of STAGE-12: overview of 12-Step Programs; Step 1; acceptance and denial
- Topic 2: People, places and things (PPT); when to avoid PPT; how to manage PPT
- Topic 3: Surrender; Step 2; Step 3
- Topic 4: Abstinence vs. recovery; strategies to get “active” in 12-Step programs
- Topic 5: Emotions associated with relapse; strategies to manage emotions

*Unsatisfactory | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | N/A |

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#### 2a
Encourage group members to become active or plan specific 12-Step program activities, or use the 12-Step program tools as a means of managing addiction and related problems?

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#### 3a
Assign recovery tasks for next week: attending 12-Step meetings, completing interactive written handouts, using the phone, seeking a sponsor, reading recovery literature?

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#### 4
Present didactic material in an overly structured, non-interactive manner?

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#### 5
Use excessive, inappropriate or irrelevant self-disclosure?

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#### 6
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#### Adherence Scale for Individual Sessions (ASIS) Session 1

**Rater:**

Check individual session number *(check only one)*:

- [ ] Session # 1
- [ ] Other *(specify): ________________________________*

**Check individual session number (check only one):**

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**Session date:** _____ / _____ / _______

**Date Rated:** _____ / _____ / _______

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| **To what extent did the individual counselor...** | Not At All | Somewhat | Considerably | Extensively | N/A |
| **6a** Instruct the participant to keep a “journal” to record 12-Step meetings attended (dates, times, locations) and personal reactions (thoughts, feelings, behaviors) about the meetings. | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 | ☐ 6 | ☐ |
| **6b** How well did the counselor handle this item? | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 | ☐ 6 | ☐ |

**Proscribed Counselor Behaviors Skill Rating:**

| **To what extent did the counselor...** | Not At All | Somewhat | Considerably | Extensively | N/A |
| **7** Present didactic material in an overly structured, non-interactive manner? | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 | ☐ 6 | ☐ |
| **8** Use excessive, inappropriate or irrelevant self-disclosure? | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 | ☐ 6 | ☐ |
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Rater: _

Check individual session number (check only one): ☒ Session # 2  
☐ Other (specify): ________________________________

Session date: ___/___/____   Date Rated: ___/___/____ 2010

Participant number: __________________________________________

**Session 2: If the participant DID attend 12-Step meetings since the previous individual session to what extent did the individual counselor?**

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1a Determine 12-Step meeting(s) attendance since last session, and review reactions to any meeting(s) attended.

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2a Review participant’s written journal from the last session until the present time.

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3a Encourage the participant to ask at a 12-Step meeting about/for individuals who might serve as a sponsor, and encourage the participant to ask one of these individuals to serve as a “temporary” sponsor.

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4a Encourage the participant to attend additional 12 Step meeting(s).

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Individual Session 3 Rating Form
### Adherence Scale for Individual Sessions (Session 3)

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Check individual session number *(check only one):*

- [ ] Session # 3
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**Session date:** ___ / ___ / ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

**Date Rated:** ___ / ___ / ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

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- [ ] 1  
- [ ] 2  
- [ ] 3  
- [ ] 4  
- [ ] 5  
- [ ] 6  

**Unsatisfactory** 1 2  

**Fair** 3 4  

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