

# Gathering Evidence and Managing Clients in the Context of Addiction

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# Information Gathering

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- Interviewing and Observing
- Subpoena
- Reports
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Affidavits

# Interviewing and Observing

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- Reality Testing
- Capacity
- Referrals

# Subpoena

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- Police
- Public Prosecutions
- Corrective Services
- Child Protection
- Medical and Hospital Records
- Ambulance Service
- Daycare/Schools
- Contact Centres
- Counselling/Rehabilitation Services
- Bank Records
- Employment Records
- Rental Records

# Reports

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- s11F Reports
- Family Reports
- Counselling/Treatment Reports
- Psychiatric Reports
- Toxicology Reports

# Drug and Alcohol Testing

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- Can indicate pattern of use e.g. decreasing
- Referral process
- Breath testing
- Urine \$85 to \$140
  - Appears within 2 to 5 hours
  - Usually only up to 72 hours, marijuana – single use 2 to 7 days, chronic use about 1 month
- Blood \$80 to \$170
  - CDT – max about 2 weeks
- Hair Test \$330 to \$880, including alcohol from about \$700
  - Appears within 5 to 7 days
  - Standard time period 3 months – 3.9cm
  - Can test up to a year or more
  - Body hair vs head hair
  - Not all drugs can be detected
  - Alcohol – EtG – mild to moderate (no more than 3 drinks/day), excessive (more than 4 drinks/day) over 3 months

# Affidavits

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- Client
- Third parties – careful of cheer squad
- Professionals