**Foundry GAIN SS Training Instructions**

**Introduction**

The GAIN SS is a screening tool to be used at all Foundry centers. It should be administered to all youth and young adults that are seeking mental health or substance use services. It may also be used with individuals seeking other services where care providers believe that the tool could assist in determining what services are most appropriate for youth attending a Foundry centre (e.g., a youth requesting primary care services where a physician or nurse practitioner believes that a screening for mental health and substance use services is appropriate).

The Foundry version of the GAIN SS includes all of the items originally developed for the tool, plus two additional items (AQ5a and AQ5b) that were developed by the Centre for Addictions & Mental Health (CAMH) as part of their modified version. The additional items address trauma experiences and psychosis. Their scoring and interpretation are addressed below.

Foundry Central Office has acquired a license for the use of the GAIN SS online training from Chestnut Health Systems, the organization that holds the licensing authority for the GAIN suite of tools.

**Accessing the Online Training**

The GAIN SS Online training is available to staff at all Foundry centres at <http://training.gaincc.org>. To access the course, please click the link. Below is the login information for the GAIN Online Learning Center. Please note that the username and password are case sensitive.

**Username:** foundry

**Password:** VANcouver201#

Attached is a document that provides a walkthrough of how to access the course. An unlimited number of staff at your Foundry centre can complete this training. We are recommending that Foundry sites complete Module 1 (Introduction to the GAIN Short Screener) and Module 3 (GAIN Short Screener Scoring and Interpretation). Module 2 focuses on administering the instrument face-to-face, which we are NOT recommending unless a youth requires some specific assistance.  The training should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

**Competency Testing**

Staff may also choose to complete the online quiz (Module 4). However, items 5 through 8 in the 15 item quiz are specific to module 2 and should not be counted. Also, all Foundry sites are using this common log-in, so the quiz will not be accessible if staff at your site or any other site is in the process of taking it. The quiz resets after a couple of minutes, at which time the results are no longer available for review by the individual that completed it. If you would prefer for your staff to take a quiz specific to the modules they are asked to complete and track their results, please see the attached quiz and scoring sheet that only includes items addressed in Modules 1 and 3.

**Scoring, Interpreting & Responding to Additional CAMH Items/Suicide Risk and Psychosis Items**

Module 3 in the online training (GAIN Short Screener Scoring and Interpretation) does not address how to score and interpret the additional CAMH items. As with the items from the other sections of the original GAIN SS, any client responses indicating a significant problem in relation to trauma experiences (AQ5a) anytime in the past year should be followed up to determine whether further assessment and/or support services are needed.

Items 1.f and AQ5b (an additional CAMH item) are designed to screen for psychosis. A positive response to either of these items may indicate psychosis and should be addressed immediately by a qualified clinician. When individuals provide a positive response to one of these items, the Psychosis Screening Questionnaire (PSQ) should be administered by the clinician as part of follow-up and to help determine the need for a referral to an EPI program.

Item 1.e addresses whether an individual has had thoughts about committing suicide. While any item on the GAIN SS where there is a positive response in the past year should be followed-up with all Foundry clients, a positive response on this item should be addressed immediately by a qualified clinician.

**Additional Resources**

Attached are resources to support your practice, including:

* A copy of the GAIN SS instrument we are using at all Foundry sites
* A copy of the GAIN SS Manual developed by Chestnut that reviews the same topics that are addressed in the online training.