



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE DETERMINATION PROCESS

- “The SASSI is a required questionnaire for financial but does not hinder your ability to be on Financial Assistance. The purpose of the SASSI is to help us understand more about your life as well as find other resources that may help you and your family.
- “I am really happy to hear you are already seeking treatment! The SASSI just needs to be completed to open your Financial Assistance. We can also discuss other options of how I, and DWS, can better support you while going through treatment.
- “You know, the questionnaire only takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. The results do not hinder your financial benefits from starting. The results will just help us (DWS) better assist you and your family. And if necessary, this includes providing substance abuse treatment opportunities.”
- “The SASSI is a questionnaire that is taken in private on the computer. A Licensed Clinical Therapist helps conduct this questionnaire and is used to help us understand more about your life and help provide services that you may need.”
- “Can we talk about another item that will help us open your financial case? Great! The SASSI is a questionnaire that helps DWS better help parents and their families that might be dealing with some type of substance abuse.
- “It must be really difficult to be going through what you are experiencing. That is why DWS believes in supporting folks that are going through treatment. We also have LCTs that will also provide support. Would it be ok if we worked on developing a plan together?”