



## Model of Human Occupation

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#### Drug & Alcohol Service

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**May 23, 2008**

Hi, I am an Occupational Therapy student working within a Drug & Alcohol service.

I was wondering if anyone could recommend a useful MOHO assessment, to use in an initial interview in this field. I have previously tried the OCAIRS but found didn't take to this, has any one got an recommendations on which moho assessments they find most useful in this field?

Regards,  
Louisa

**May 23, 2008**

I also work in adult substance abuse, co-occurring mental and substance abuse as well as homelessness....the BEST tool is the OPHI-II....it allows you to really get know your patient and develop rapport.

Rosemary Boisvert

**May 23, 2008**

Dear Louisa:

I think I can help you, but I would appreciate if you could describe the service acute or long term?. How long do you get to work with people?. How many people? Ages? Human resources (OTs, other practitioners? Culture? Service culture? How many hours you spend in the service?...

For now, OPHI-II has been the interview that have captured an entire occupational vision of the person as a continuum allowing to see the occupational process not only a "now cut" of the person. We have used it even in acute services. Apart from being an assessment, if it is well applied, you begin automatically an important intervention. We have used it with people and their families. I have used it myself with this population and have chosen it from all MOHO interviews. You need an occupational history in order to understand the "whys" like I said before in the other mail. We have used it for research with this population. Very useful for people and the team!!.

Good luck!

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