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Addiction treatment alternative in drug rehabilitation program

Drug and alcohol dependence are health problems. Although some treatment program can be helpful for those problems, but there is no single treatment for everyone. Recently it was shown that alternative medicine is one of the choices. There are interesting interventions which achieves success in rehabilitation. For example herb, acupuncture, massage therapy, yoga and meditation. Alternative treatment is a revolutionary treatment in addiction. Holistic approaches were used. All the alternative treatments were concerned and connected between body, mind, and spirit. The aspect of alternative treatment is based on natural way. Additional, Nutritional Therapy was used in rehabilitation program. Because the addiction clients become malnourished, e.g., vitamin B deficiency in alcoholics, we designed an appropriate meal based on cultural style in individual case. Tai-Chi for exercise and for meditation intension and duration for individual client were designed. After completion of the program it was found that the clients are physically healthy including heart rate. They can relax, balance and remove their negative thoughts. Furthermore, the result of satisfaction on program treatment showed >85%, respectively. All the clients successfully completed their program treatment. Unexpectedly, increase in self-esteem was found in the clients.

Biography

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