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# Adolescent OUD/SUD & Co-Occurring Mental Illness

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# Working with communities.

- ✦ The SAMHSA-funded *Opioid Response Network (ORN)* assists states, organizations and individuals by providing the resources and technical assistance they need locally to address the opioid crisis and stimulant use.
- ✦ Technical assistance is available to support the evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery of opioid use disorders and stimulant use disorders.

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# Working with communities.

- ✦ The *Opioid Response Network (ORN)* provides local, experienced consultants in prevention, treatment, and recovery to communities and organizations to help address this opioid crisis and stimulant use.
- ✦ *ORN* accepts requests for education and training.
- ✦ Each state/territory has a designated team led by a regional Technology Transfer Specialist (TTS), who is an expert in implementing evidence-based practices.



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# Learning Objectives

- ✧ Describe the adolescent brain development, the chronic disease model of mental illness & SUD, and the impact of substances on the brain.
- ✧ Explain the laws and best practices regarding incorporating confidential conversations and confidential documentation of adolescent substance abuse and the boundaries of confidentiality in medical care.
- ✧ Review evidence of pharmacologic treatment of adolescent substance use disorder.





# Adolescent Neurodevelopment



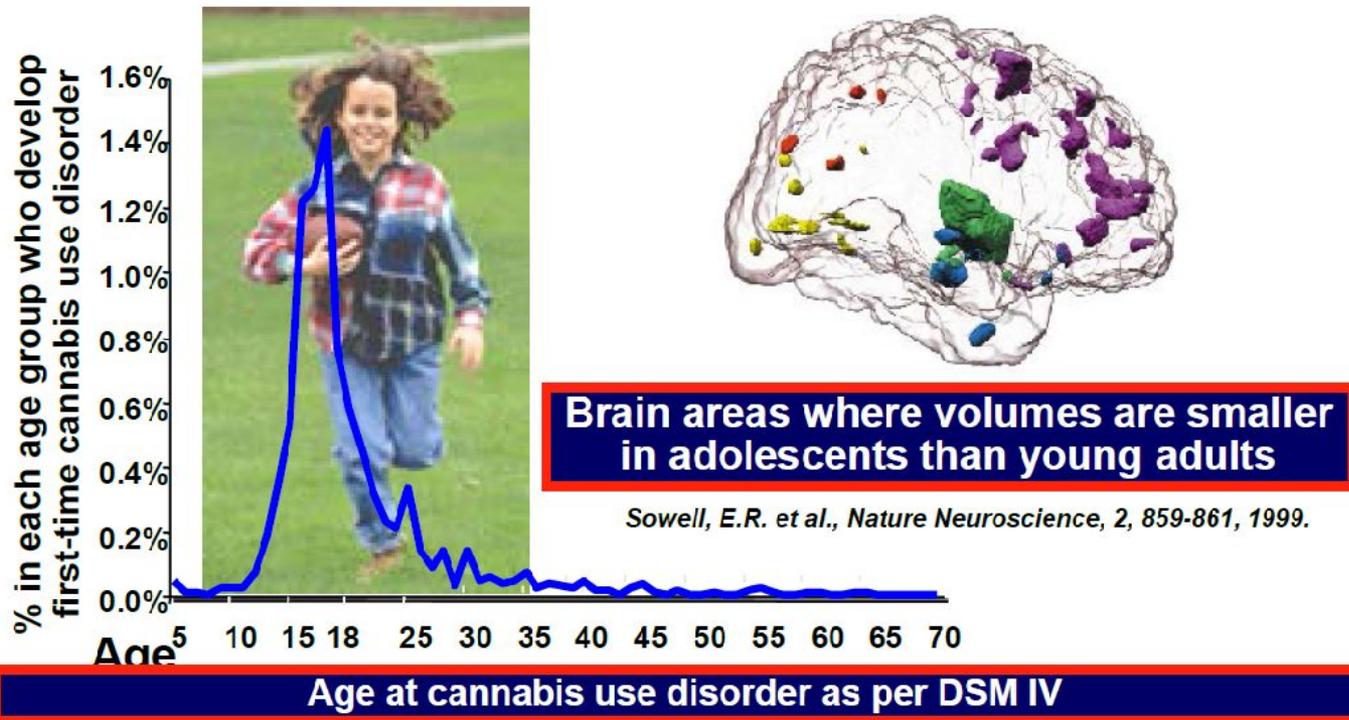
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# Addiction Begins in Adolescence

**ADDICTION IS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASE**  
*starts in adolescence and childhood*



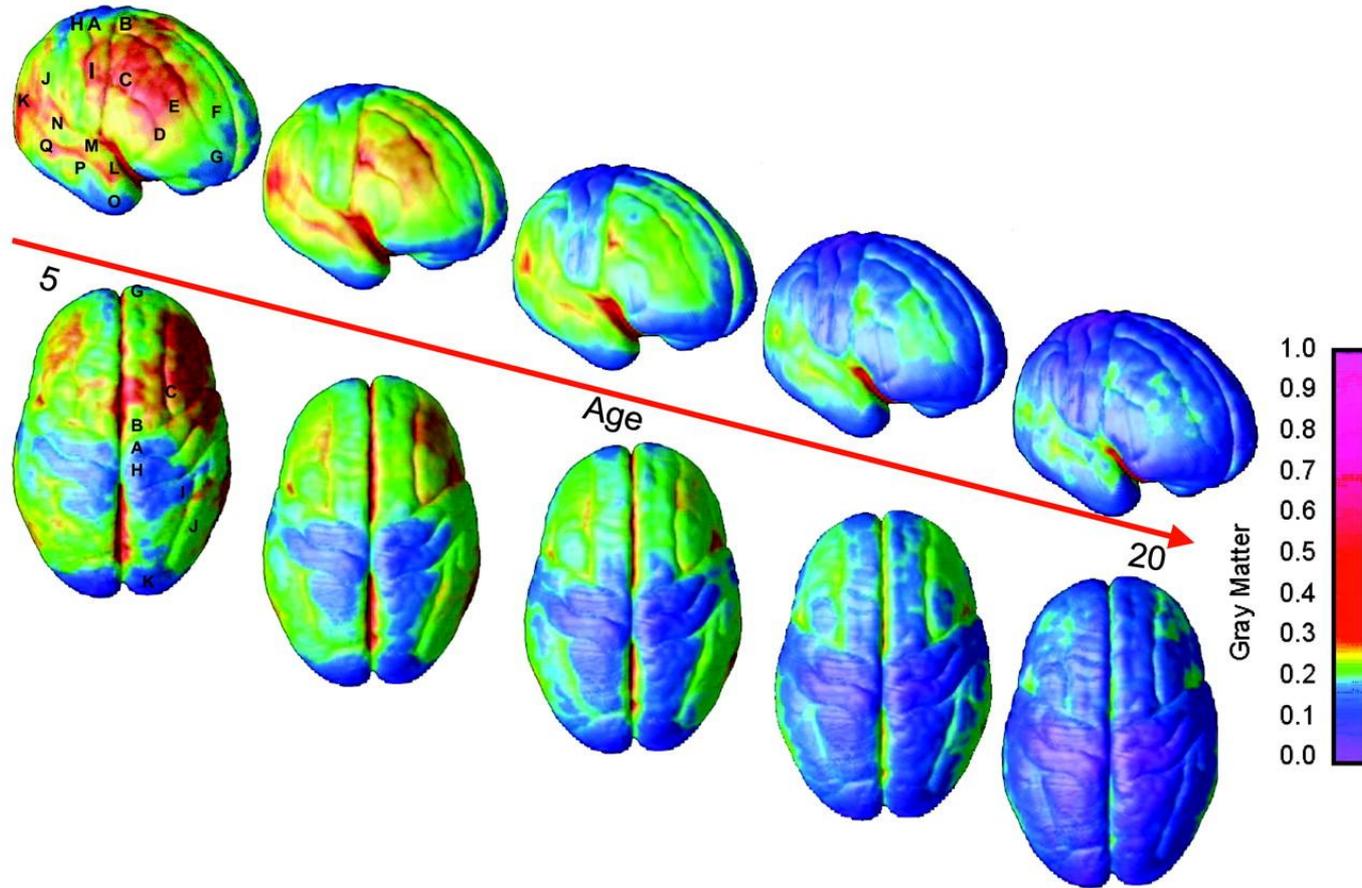
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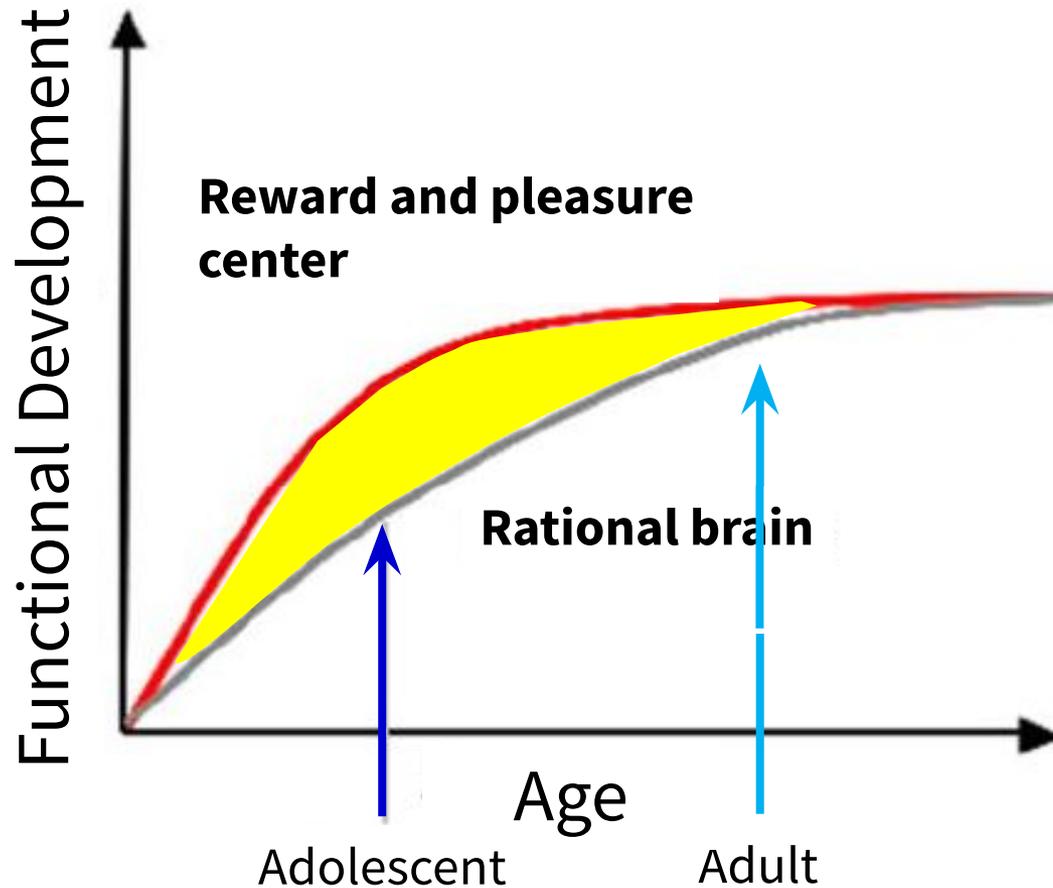
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# Brain Maturation



# Rational Thinking Gap





# **Neurobiology & Chronic Disease Model of SUD**

# Neurobiology of Addiction

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## Neurobiologic Advances from the Brain Disease Model of Addiction

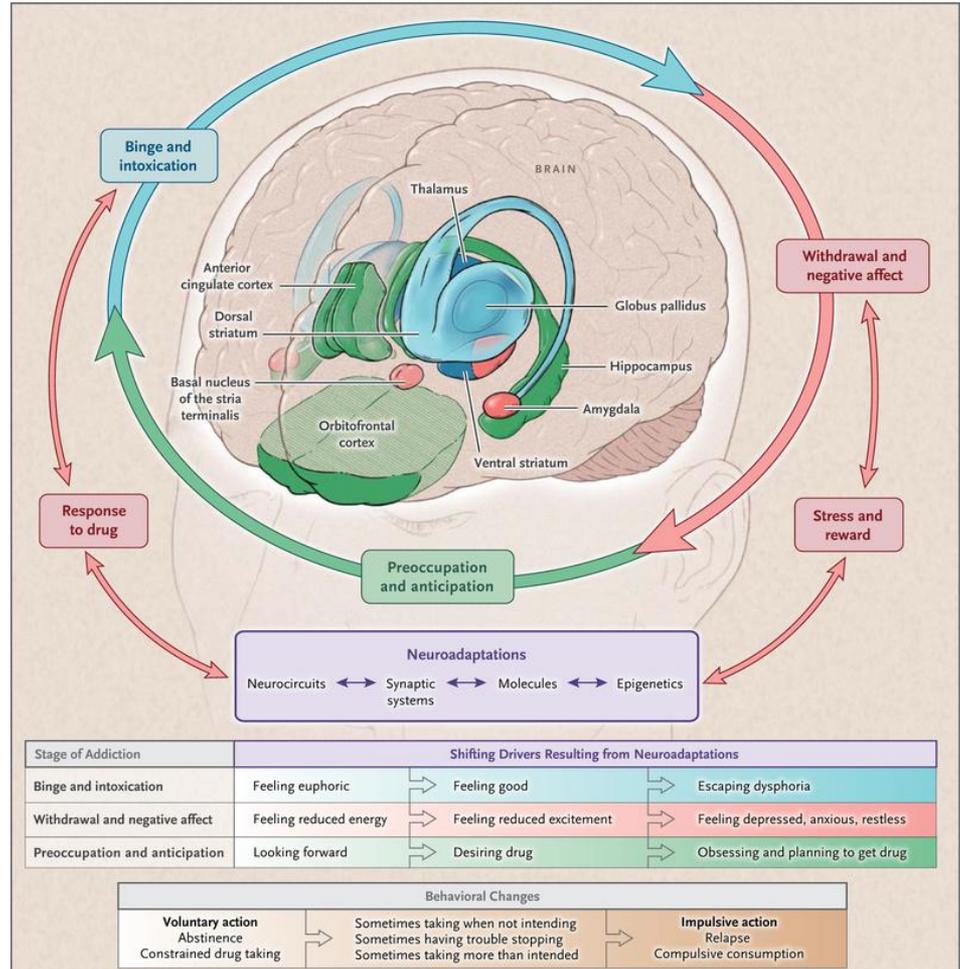
Nora D. Volkow, M.D., George F. Koob, Ph.D., and A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D.

**T**HIS ARTICLE REVIEWS SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN THE PREVENTION AND treatment of substance-use disorder and related developments in public policy. In the past two decades, research has increasingly supported the view that addiction is a disease of the brain. Although the brain disease model of addiction has yielded effective preventive measures, treatment interventions, and public health policies to address substance-use disorders, the underlying concept of substance abuse as a brain disease continues to be questioned, perhaps because the aberrant, impulsive, and compulsive behaviors that are characteristic of addiction have not been clearly tied to neurobiology. Here we review recent advances in the neurobiology of addiction to clarify the link between addiction and brain function and to broaden the understanding of addiction as a brain disease. We review findings on the desensitization of reward circuits, which dampens the ability to feel pleasure and the motivation to pursue everyday activities; the increasing strength of conditioned responses and stress reactivity, which results in increased cravings for alcohol and other drugs and negative emotions when these cravings are not sated; and the weakening of the brain regions involved in executive functions such as decision making, inhibitory control, and self-regulation that leads to repeated relapse. We also review the ways in which social environments, developmental stages, and genetics are intimately linked to and influence vulnerability and recovery. We conclude that neuroscience continues to support the brain disease model of addiction. Neuroscience research in this area not only offers new opportunities for the prevention and treatment of substance addictions and related behavioral addictions (e.g., to food, sex, and gambling) but may also improve our understanding of the fundamental biologic processes involved in voluntary behavioral control.

In the United States, 8 to 10% of people 12 years of age or older, or 20 to 22 million people, are addicted to alcohol or other drugs.<sup>1</sup> The abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs in the United States exacts more than \$700 billion annually in costs related to crime, lost work productivity, and health care.<sup>2,4</sup> After centuries of efforts to reduce addiction and its related costs by punishing addictive behaviors failed to produce adequate results, recent basic and clinical research has provided clear evidence that addiction might be better considered and treated as an acquired disease of the brain (see Box 1 for definitions of substance-use disorder and addiction). Research guided by the brain disease model of addiction has led to the development of more effective methods of prevention and treatment and to more informed public health policies. Notable examples include the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, which requires medical insurance plans to provide the same coverage for substance-use disorders and other mental illnesses that is provided for other illnesses,<sup>5</sup> and the proposed bipartisan Senate legislation that

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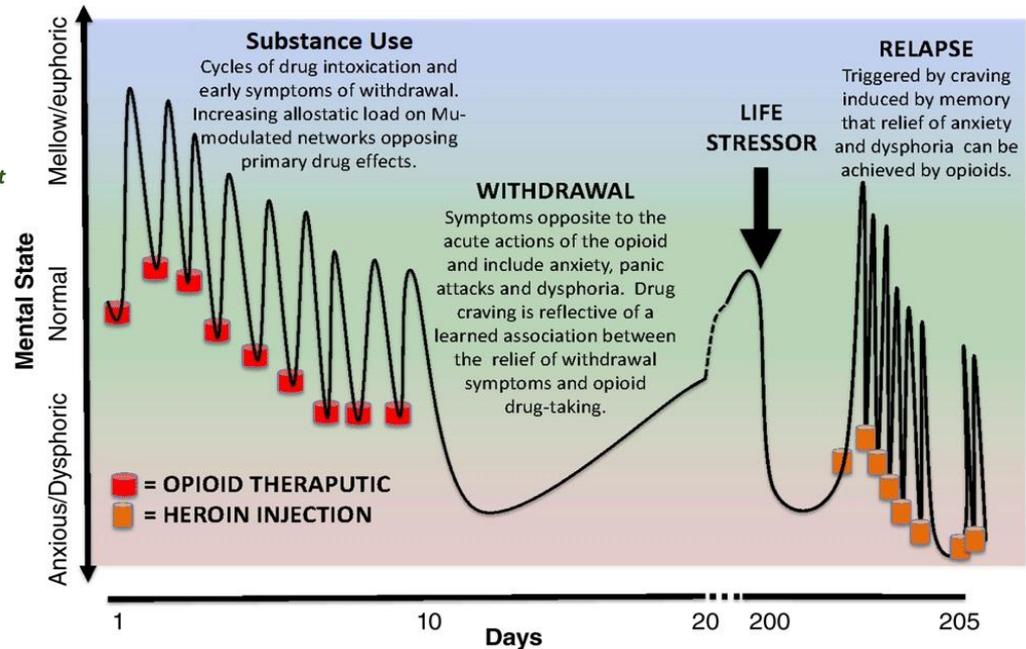
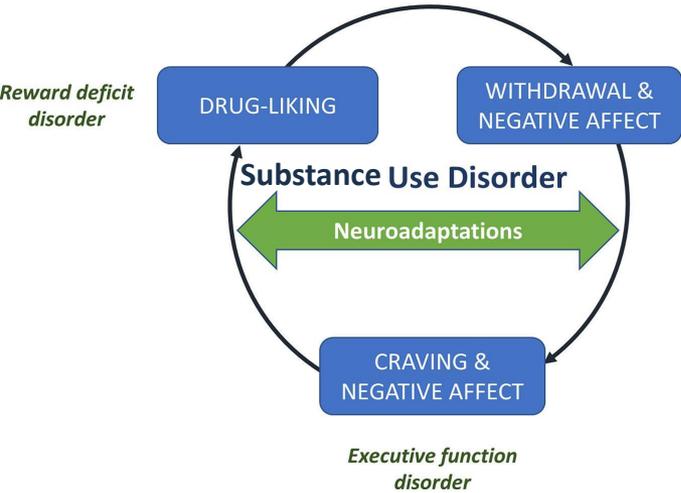
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# Behavioral Response of Addiction





# Mental Health

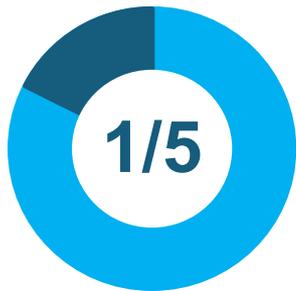


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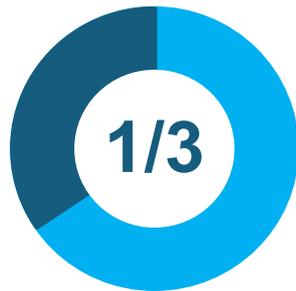
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# A Public Health Crisis: Pediatric Mental Health

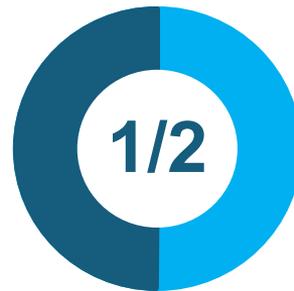
## ✦ Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders



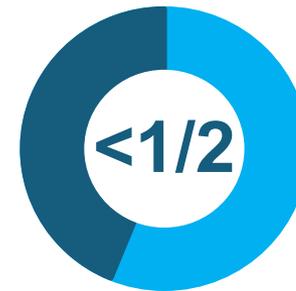
Experienced a psychiatric disorder **within the past year**



Experience a psychiatric disorder **within their lifetime**



Of psychiatric disorders **begin** by age 14 and three-quarters by age 25



Of children with psychiatric disorders **receive treatment**



**Average delay** between symptom onset & treatment initiation



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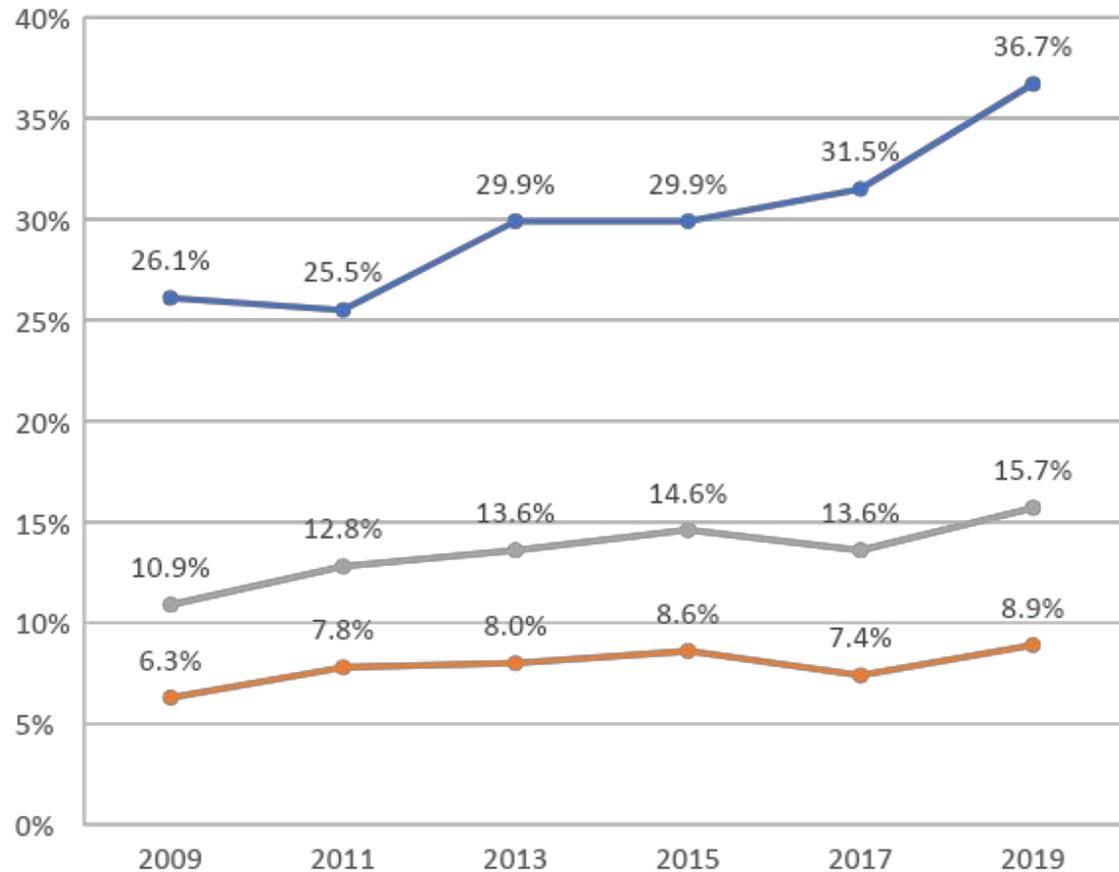
# Mental Health Trends in Teens

## High School Student Trends

● Experienced persistent feelings of sadness

● Made a suicide plan

● Attempted suicide



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# Tenfold Increase in Boarded Days

Boarding  
Rare  
Event

Pre-2000

735  
Boarded  
Days

2012-2013

SCLC boarding  
crisis presentation

3,617  
Boarded  
Days

2018-2019

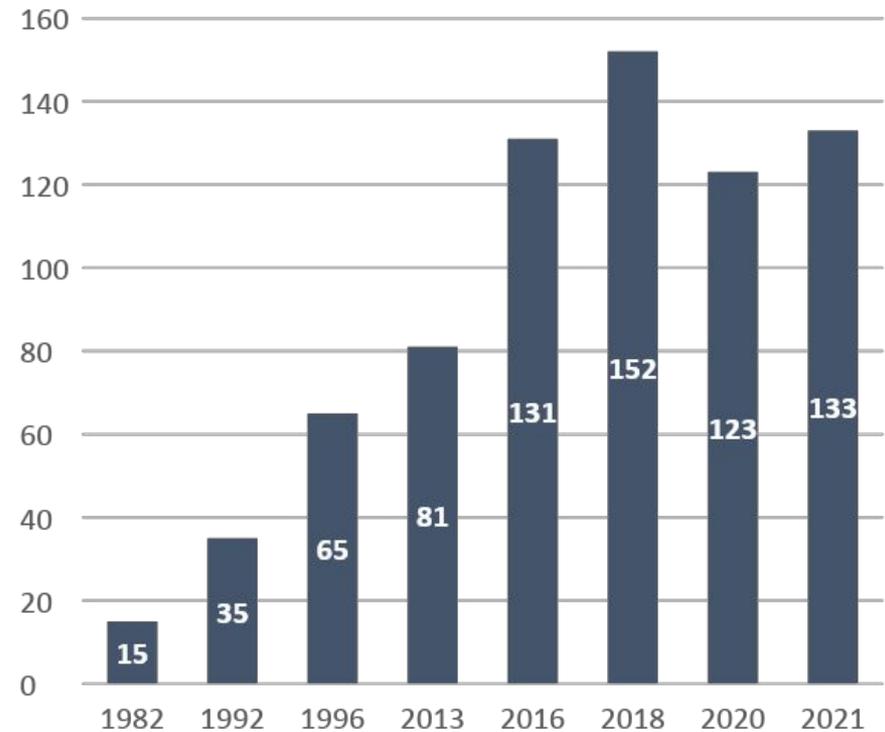
~30 boarders/day  
Pre-COVID

7,816  
Boarded  
Days

2020-2021

~50 boarders/day  
COVID

## Boston Children's ED Visits/Month



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# Substance Use

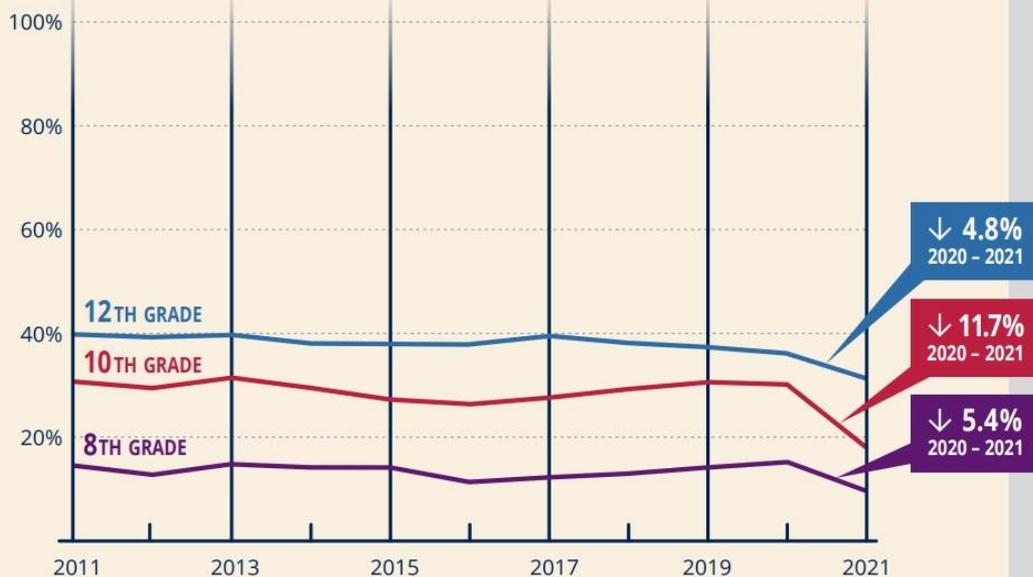


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# A Public Health Crisis: Adolescent Substance Use???

## U.S. Students Reporting Any Past-Year Illicit Drug Use\*



\*Illicit drug use in this survey was defined as use of marijuana, LSD, other hallucinogens, crack, other cocaine, or heroin; or any use of narcotics other than heroin, amphetamines, sedatives (barbiturates), or tranquilizers not under a doctor's orders.

Source: 2021 Monitoring the Future Survey



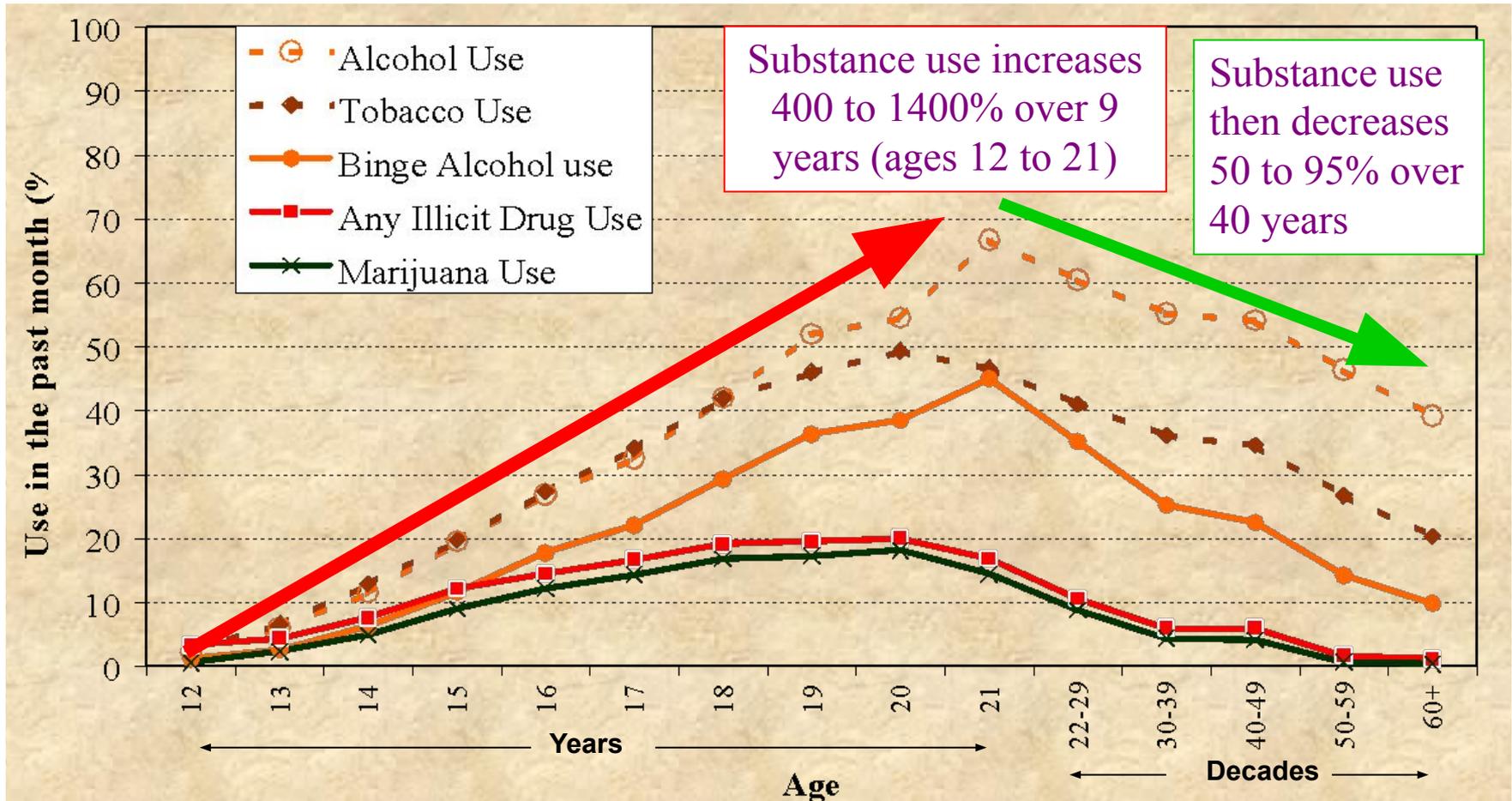
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# Course of Substance Use by Age



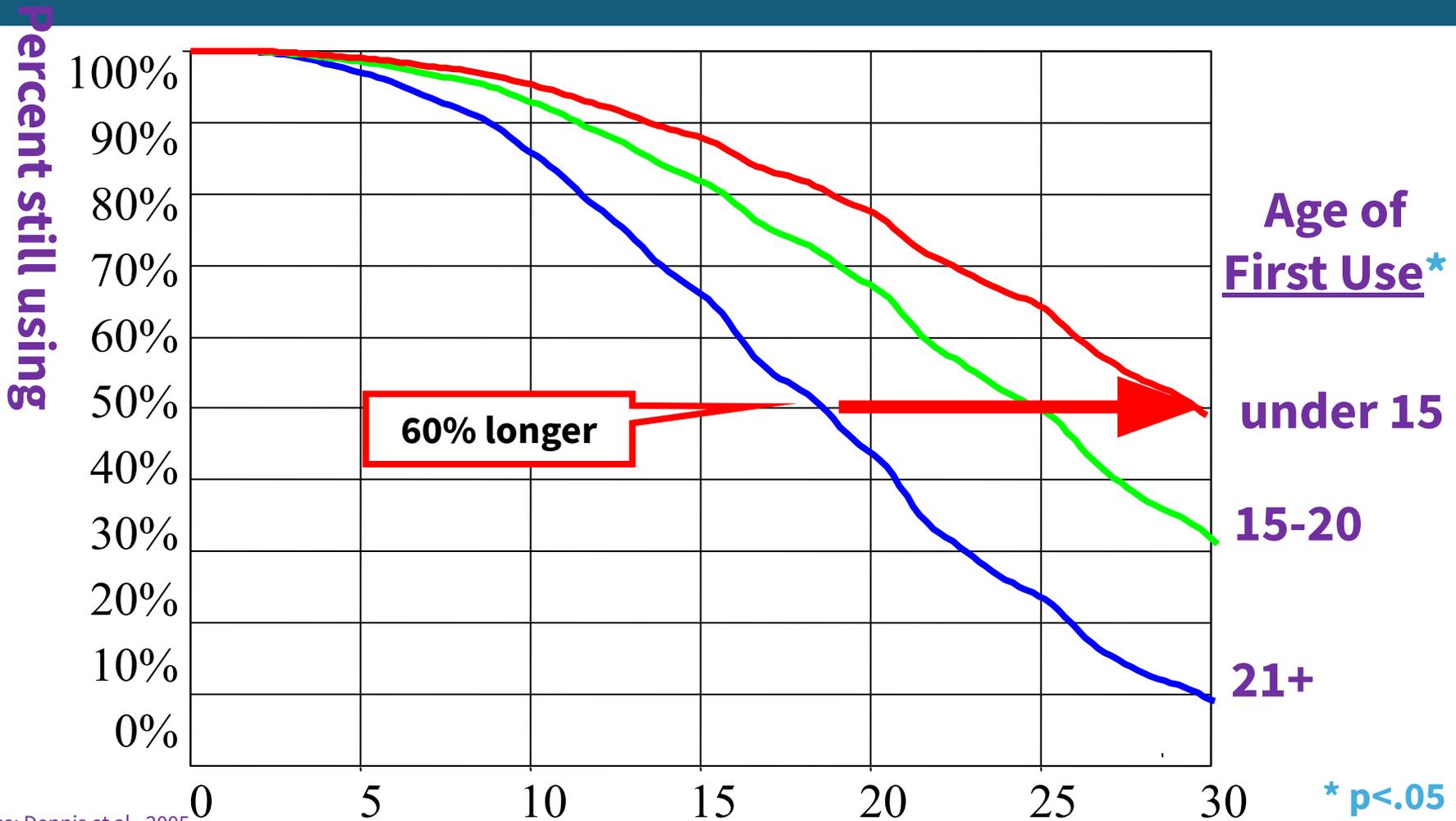
Source: Dennis (2002) and 1998 NHSDA.



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# Younger Start, Longer Use



Source: Dennis et al., 2005



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from first use to 1+ years of abstinence

# Maine Adolescent Substance Use

- ✧ ME teens are 47.44% more likely to have used substances last month than average teens.
- ✧ 12% 12-17yo reported substance use last month
  - 90% 12-17yo reported marijuana use last month
- ✧ 18% 12-17yo reported marijuana use last year
- ✧ 10% 12-17yo reported ETOH use last month
- ✧ 1.1% 12-17yo reported cocaine use last year
- ✧ 0.6% 12-17yo reported heroin use last year





# Co-occurring Disorders



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# Adolescents with SUD...

- ✧ Are largely undiagnosed
- ✧ Are distributed across diverse health & social service systems
- ✧ Have histories of child abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse;
- ✧ Have high co-morbidity with psychiatric conditions;

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# Co-occurring Disorders Stats

- ✧ The majority of adolescents with SUDs will have other mental illnesses.
- ✧ 37- 80% of adolescents with SUDs have at least one mental illness.
- ✧ Most common is ADHD (30-70%)
- ✧ The relationship b/w psych sx's & substance use is bidirectional
- ✧ 40-90% have experienced trauma

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# Substance Use Disorder – Criteria



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# The 5 C's of Addiction

1. Craving and preoccupation with non-therapeutic use
2. Compulsive opioid use
3. Loss of Control over opioid use
4. Continued use of opioids despite harm
5. Chronic maladaptive behaviors associated with use



# DSM-5 Substance (Opioid) Use Disorder Criteria

- ✦ “A **problematic** pattern of substance use leading to clinically significant impairment or distress, as manifested by at least 2 of the following, occurring within a 12 month period...”



# DSM-5 Substance (Opioid) Use Disorder Criteria

## ✧ Impaired Control

1. Use in larger amount or longer than intended
2. Desire or unsuccessful effort to cut down
3. Great deal of time using or recovering
4. Craving or strong urge to use\*

## ✧ Social Impairment

5. Role obligation failure
6. Continued use despite social / interpersonal problems
7. Sacrificing activities to use or because of use

## ✧ Risky Use

8. Use in situations where it is hazardous
9. Continued use despite knowledge of having physical or psychological problem caused or exacerbated by use

## ✧ Neuroadaptive / Physiologic



10.

Tolerance

11.

Withdrawal

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# Consent



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# Confidentiality Laws & Rules

- ✧ Substance use disorder treatment program records
  - 42 C.F.R. Part 2
  
- ✧ HIPAA Privacy Rule
  - 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164
  
- ✧ Maine health care information confidentiality law
  - 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C
  
- ✧ Records of licensed mental health agencies or facilities
  - 34-B M.R.S. § 1207
  - *Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services*
  - *Right of Recipients of Mental Health Services Who Are Children in Need of Treatment*



# Consent

- ✧ AMA Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 8.08, *Informed Consent*
  - *“Patient’s right of self-decision[:.]” “The physician’s obligation is to present the medical facts accurately to the patient . . . and to make recommendations for management in accordance with good medical practice.”*
  
- ✧ Key elements
  - Nature & purpose of the treatment
  - Risk & consequences involved in the treatment
  - Alternative courses of treatment, including the consequences of no treatment
  - An opportunity for the patient to ask questions



# Sensitive Type of Treatment

- ✧ *All minors (under 18yo) may give consent to certain sensitive types of treatment where an obligation of parental consent may be an obstacle to treatment and therefore, may not be in the best interest of the minor.*
- Family planning services – 22 M.R.S.A. sec. 1908
  - Treatment of venereal disease or drug or alcohol abuse by a physician – 32 M.R.S.A. secs. 2595 & 3292
  - Treatment of drug or alcohol abuse or for emotional or psychological problems – 22 M.R.S.A. sec. 1502
  - Certain services provided by alcohol & drug counselors, social workers, or psychologists – 32 M.R.S.A. secs. 6221, 7004, & 3817
  - Treatment of venereal disease or drug or alcohol abuse in the hospital setting, **but parental consent is required if hospitalization continues for more than 16 hours** – 22 M.R.S.A. sec. 1823.



# State Policies on Substance Use During Pregnancy

STATE POLICIES ON SUBSTANCE USE DURING PREGNANCY							
STATE	SUBSTANCE USE DURING PREGNANCY CONSIDERED:		WHEN DRUG USE DIAGNOSED OR SUSPECTED, STATE REQUIRES:		DRUG TREATMENT FOR PREGNANT INDIVIDUALS		
	Child Abuse	Grounds for Civil Commitment	Reporting	Testing	Targeted Program Created	Pregnant People Given Priority Access in General Programs	Pregnant People Protected from Discrimination in Publicly Funded Programs
Alabama	X <sup>1</sup>					X	X
Alaska			X				
Arizona	X		X			X	
Arkansas	X		X		X	X	
California			X		X		
Colorado	X				X <sup>2</sup>		
Connecticut					X		
Delaware						X	
District of Columbia	X		X			X	
Florida	X				X		X
Georgia						X	
Illinois	X		X		X <sup>3</sup>	X	X
Indiana	X <sup>1</sup>			X	X		
Iowa	X		X	X		X	X
Kansas						X	X
Kentucky	X		X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana	X		X	X			
Maine			X			X	
Maryland					X		
Massachusetts			X				
Michigan			X				
Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X		
Missouri	X <sup>1,2</sup>				§	X <sup>2</sup>	X
Montana			X				
Nebraska							
Nevada	X		X				
New York					X		
North Carolina					X		
North Dakota	X		X	X			
Ohio	X		X		X <sup>3</sup>	X	X
Oklahoma			X			X	X
Oregon					§		
Pennsylvania			X		X		
Rhode Island	X		X	X			
South Carolina	X <sup>1</sup>				X		
South Dakota	X	X	X	X			
Tennessee					X <sup>2</sup>	X	X
Texas	X						
Utah	X		X			X	
Virginia	X		X		X <sup>2</sup>		
Washington	X				X <sup>2</sup>		
West Virginia						X <sup>1,2</sup>	
Wisconsin	X	X	X		X	X <sup>2</sup>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23+DC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25+DC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17+DC</b>	<b>10</b>



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# Evidence-based behavioral interventions for adolescent SUD

- ✧ Motivation Interviewing / Motivational Enhancement Therapy
- ✧ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- ✧ Family-based Therapy
- ✧ Multisystemic Therapy
- ✧ Adolescent - Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA)



# Purpose of Family Involvement

- ✧ Learn about the child from family members
- ✧ Mutual education and redefinitions
- ✧ Define substance use in the family context
- ✧ Establish/re-establish parental influence
- ✧ To decrease family resistance to treatment



# Parental Guidance

- ✧ The C's of Parental Guidance
  - Cash (Debit & Credit cards)
  - Cars (Privileges)
  - Cellphone (Privileges)
  - Chores (Incentives)
  - Communication (Open Frame)
  - Companions (Friends & Peers)
  - Computer (Online & Social Media)
  - Curfew (Incentive & Trust)





# Pharmacologic Treatment Evidence



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# RCT of Med for Adolescent SUD

## Alcohol

SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
AUD	Naltrexone	Miranda '13	<p>22 non-tx seeking adolescents who consumed ETOH <math>\geq 2x</math> in the 30 days pre- recruitment.</p> <p>Age range: 15 – 19 Gender: 12 F Race: 72% White, 18% AAPI</p>	<p>Tx: Naltrexone 50mg Control: Placebo</p>	<p>Naltrexone: ↓ Drinking &amp; heavy drinking (<math>p &lt; 0.003</math>)  ↓ Craving in the lab &amp; natural environment (<math>p &lt; 0.04</math>)  ↓ Subjective responses to alcohol consumption (<math>p &lt; 0.01</math>)</p>
AUD	Naltrexone	O'Malley '15	<p>128 non-tx seeking emerging adults who reported <math>\geq 4</math> heavy drinking days (<math>\geq 4</math> drinks W &amp; <math>\geq 5</math> drinks M) in the 4 wks before study enrollment.</p> <p>Age range: 18 – 25 Gender: 68.8% M Race: 77% W, 8% AA</p>	<p>Tx: Naltrexone 50mg Control: Placebo  All received psychosocial interventions</p>	<p>Naltrexone: No grp diff b/w heavy drinking days &amp; % days abstinent  ↓ # of drinks per drinking day &amp; % of drinking days w/ est BAC <math>\geq 0.08</math></p>



# RCT of Med for Adolescent SUD

## Tobacco

SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
TUD	NRT	Hanson '03	100 tx-seeking youth who smoked $\geq 10$ CPD for $\geq 6$ mo  Age range: 13 – 19 Gender: 43% male Race: 87% white	Tx: Nicotine patch (21, 14, 7mg/d)  Control: placebo patch  All received CBT & CM	NRT: $\downarrow$ craving scores and overall withdrawal symptoms  Safe and effective as monotherapy or when combined with counseling, not as effective as in adult who smoke
TUD	NRT	Moolchan '05	120 tx-seeking adolescents who smoked $\geq 10$ CPD for $\geq 6$ mo  Age range: 13 – 17 Gender: 70% F Race: 73% W	Tx: active patch (21, 14, 7mg/d) & placebo gum or active gum (2 or 4mg) & placebo patch  Control: placebo patch  All received CBT	Confirmed prolonged abstinence rates of active-patch group (18%) vs. placebo (2.5%).  Abstinence rates for the active gum condition (6.5%) did not differ by condition
TUD	NRT	Roddy '06	98 tx-seeking youth who smoked daily  Age range: 11 – 21 Gender: 42% male Race: not reported	Tx: Nicotine patch (15, 10, 5mg/d)  Control: placebo patch  All received wkly individual & grp counseling	NRT: At 4 wks, 5% patch grp was abstinent vs. 2% placebo  At 13 wks, 0% patch & placebo were abstinent

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## Tobacco

SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
TUD	NRT	Rubinstein '08	<p>40 adolescent who smoked <math>\geq 5</math> CPD for <math>\geq 6</math> mo</p> <p>Age range: 15 – 18 Gender: 54% female Race: “less than half being white”</p>	<p>Tx: Nicotine nasal spray (1 mg total) for 6 wks</p> <p>Control: none</p> <p>All participants received eight sessions of American Lung Association's Not On Tobacco curriculum.</p>	No grp diff in cessation rates ( $p = 0.16$ ), number of CPD ( $p = 0.22$ ), or cotinine levels at 12 wks ( $p = 0.16$ ).
TUD	NRT	Scherphorf '14	<p>257 tx-seeking Dutch adolescents who smoked <math>\geq 7</math> CPD.</p> <p>Age range: 12 - 18 Gender: 53% female Race: not reported</p>	<p>Tx: 21, 14, 7 mg nicotine patch based on number of CPD at time of enrollment</p> <p>Control: placebo patch</p>	<p>NRT: Doubled abstinence rates after 2 weeks (OR = 2.02, 95% CI = 1.11– 3.69), but no diff at end of tx.</p> <p>End-of-tx abstinence rates <math>\uparrow</math> in high-compliant (OR = 1.09, 95% CI = 1.01–1.17) and not in low compliant participants.</p>



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SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
TUD	Bupropion	Killen '04	<p>211 tx-seeking adolescents who</p> <p>(1) smoked <math>\geq 10</math> CPD, (2) smoked for <math>\geq 6</math> mo, (3) had 1+ failed quits.</p> <p>Age: 15 – 18 Gender: 69% M Race: 50% W, 12% Hispanic, 7% Asian</p>	<p>Tx: nicotine patch &amp; bupropion SR (150 mg QD)</p> <p>Control: nicotine patch &amp; placebo</p> <p>All participants received wkly grp skills training.</p>	<p>No diff b/w abstinence rates at 10 or 26 wks</p> <p>(1) patch &amp; bupropion 23% and 8%, (2) patch &amp; placebo 28% and 7%</p>
TUD	Bupropion	Muramoto '04	<p>312 tx-seeking adolescents who smoke <math>\geq 6</math> CPD, exhaled CO level of <math>\geq 10</math> ppm, 2 quit attempts.</p> <p>Age: 14 – 17 Gender: 54% male Race: 74% W, 15% Hispanic</p>	<p>Tx: Bupropion SR 150mg QD or 300mg QD</p> <p>Control: placebo</p> <p>All participants received wkly brief counseling.</p>	<p>6 wks: Cotinine-confirmed 7- day point prevalence abstinence rates: placebo, 5.6%; 150 mg, 10.7%; and 300 mg, 14.5% (<math>p = 0.03</math>, 300 mg vs placebo).</p> <p>26 wks: Confirmed point prevalence abstinence rates: placebo, 10.3%; 150 mg, 3.1%; and 300 mg, 13.9% (<math>p = 0.049</math>).</p>



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## Tobacco

SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
TUD	Bupropion	Gray '11	<p>134 tx-seeking adolescents who smoke <math>\geq 5</math> CPD w/ baseline urine cot <math>&gt; 100</math> ng/mL.</p> <p>Age: 12 – 21 Gender: 58% male Race: 89% W</p>	<p>Tx: (1) bupropion SR + CM (2) bupropion SR alone</p> <p>Control: (3) placebo + CM (4) Placebo alone</p>	<p>Combined bupropion SR + CM yielded significantly superior abstinence rates during active treatment when compared with placebo and no CM treatment: bupropion SR and CM 27%, bupropion SR without CM 8%, placebo and CM 10%, and placebo and non-CM 9%.</p>
TUD	Varenicline	Gray '19	<p>29 tx-seeking adolescents who smoke <math>\geq 5</math> CPD</p> <p>Age range: 12 – 21 Gender: 58% M Race: not reported</p>	<p>Interventions: Varenicline (<math>\leq 2</math>mg) vs. bupropion sustained release (150–300 mg)</p> <p>Control: none</p>	<p>Varenicline (relative to bupropion): <math>\downarrow</math> cigarettes smoked per day from <math>14.1 \pm 6.3</math> to <math>0.9 \pm 2.1</math> and those receiving bupropion XL reduced from <math>15.8 \pm 4.4</math> to <math>3.1 \pm 4.0</math>.</p> <p>Compared with placebo, varenicline was well tolerated but did not support improved end-of-treatment abstinence for adolescent smokers.</p>



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## Cannabis

SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
CUD	NAC	Gray '12	<p>116 treatment-seeking adolescents who met criteria for DSM-IV cannabis dependence</p> <p>Age range: 13 – 21 Gender: 72.4% male Race: 83% white</p>	<p>Tx: NAC 1200 mg QD</p> <p>Control: Placebo BID</p> <p>All received CM and wkly brief individual smoking cessation counseling.</p>	<p>NAC: 2x the odds of submitting negative urine cannabinoid tests during treatment (OR 2.4, 1.1–5.2, <math>p = 0.029</math>), with detectable differences within the first week of treatment.</p> <p>Time to first negative urine cannabinoid test and end-of-treatment abstinence favored NAC but non-significant.</p>
TUD	Topiramate	Miranda '19	<p>66 tx-seeking adolescents using cannabis ~ 2x wkly in 30 days before study participation &amp; experienced <math>\geq 1</math> sxs of cannabis abuse or dependence (DSM-IV).</p> <p>Age range: 15 – 24 Gender: 54% female Race: 50% white</p>	<p>Tx: Topiramate 25mg, titrated by 25 – 50mg over 4 wks to 200 mg/day for the last 2 wks of study.</p> <p>Control: Placebo</p> <p>All participants received biweekly MET for treating cannabis use among adolescents.</p>	<p>Topiramate: No improvement in abstinence rates.</p> <p>↓ the # of grams of marijuana smoked per use day</p>



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## Opioids

SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
OUD	<b>Buprenorphine</b>	Marsch '05	36 self-referred treatment-seeking adolescents who met DSM-IV criteria for opioid dependence.  Age range: 13 – 18 Gender: 39% male Race: 97% white	Tx: Outpt detox w/bup ( $\leq 8$ mg) + placebo patch vs. clonidine ( $\leq 3$ mg) patch + placebo tablets  Control: none  All received counseling	$\uparrow$ Retention in bup grp (72%) vs. clonidine (39%) ( $p < 0.05$ )  $\uparrow$ Percentage of opioid negative urine tests (64% vs. 32%, $p = 0.01$ ).
OUD	<b>Buprenorphine/Naloxone</b>	Woody '08	66 tx-seeking adolescents using cannabis $\sim 2x$ wkly in 30 days before study participation & experienced $\geq 1$ sx of cannabis abuse or dependence (DSM-IV).  Age range: 15 – 24 Gender: 54% female Race: 50% white	Tx: 14-day outpt detox ( $\leq 14$ mg of bup) vs. 12-week bup/nal ( $\leq 24$ mg)  Control: none  All received wkly individual & grp counseling	Compared to detox grp, participants in the 12-wk bup/nal grp showed the following:  $\downarrow$ Opioid-positive urine tests at wk 4 (26% vs. 61%) & 8 (23% vs. 54%), but not at wk 12 (43% vs. 51%).  $\downarrow$ reported opioid use before wk6 ( $p < .001$ ) $\downarrow$ reported injections before wk 6 ( $p = .01$ ) $\downarrow$ cocaine & marijuana use
OUD	<b>Buprenorphine</b>	Marsch '16	53 adolescents who met DSM-IV opioid dependence criteria  Age range: 16 – 24 Gender: 58% male Race: 70% white	Tx: 28- day or 56-day buprenorphine/nal oxone detoxification and followed over a 63-day study period.	Participants who received a 56-day bup taper were retained in tx 11 days longer on avg than participants who received a 28-day bup taper.  Participants who received a 56-day bup taper had a $\uparrow$ percentage of opioid-negative scheduled urine tests compared with participants who received a 28-day bup taper (35 vs. 17%).



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## Methamphetamine

SUD	Meds	Study	Participants	Methods	Results
ODD	<b>Bupropion</b>	Heinzerling '13	<p>19 youth with DSM-IV methamphetamine abuse or dependence and low frequency of methamphetamine use (use on <math>\leq 18/30</math> days).</p> <p>Age range: 14 – 21 Mean age: <math>17.6 \pm 1.4</math></p> <p>Gender: 47% male Race: 70% white</p>	<p>Intervention: Bupropion SR 150 mg twice daily</p> <p>Control: placebo</p> <p>All participants receive group drug counseling</p>	<p>Adolescents receiving bupropion and females provided significantly fewer methamphetamine-free urine tests compared to participants receiving a placebo (<math>p = 0.043</math>) and males (<math>p = 0.005</math>), respectively, compared to placebo.</p>



# Conclusions

- ✧ Adolescent substance use is a serious problem with potentially life-threatening consequences
  
- ✧ Pediatric healthcare providers can have a significant impact on this problem by:
  - Screening their patients for substance use
  - Using caution in prescribing
  - Counseling patients and parents about prescription drug misuse
  - Supporting medication for patients with severe substance use disorders



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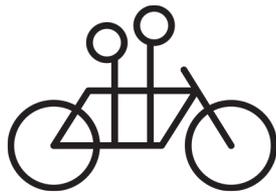
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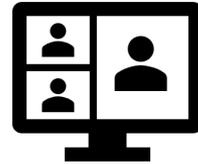
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