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Adolescent Internalizing Problems and Substance Use Disorders

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Adolescence and young adulthood are critical periods of development, marked by profound psychological, social, and neurobiological changes. These transitions also represent times of heightened vulnerability to internalizing problems such as depression, anxiety, social withdrawal, and loneliness, as well as substance use disorders (SUDs) involving alcohol and other drugs. This Special Issue focuses on advancing knowledge of internalizing problems and SUDs in adolescents and young adults, with an emphasis on developmental mechanisms, contextual factors, and intervention opportunities. We welcome studies conducted in both general populations and clinical samples, encompassing a wide spectrum of symptomatology. Submissions may include empirical research, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or theoretical frameworks that address these diverse experiences and offer a comprehensive understanding of problem internalization and SUDs.

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