

Special Issue

Adolescent Substance Use: Prevention and Intervention Strategies

Message from the Guest Editors

As rates of substance use disorders (SUDs) continue to rise, their significant impact on individuals, families, and communities makes it imperative to explore effective treatment and rehabilitation strategies (SAMHSA, 2022). Understanding the complexities of SUDs, including co-occurring disorders, allows us to develop comprehensive approaches that meet the diverse needs of those affected. Additionally, examining policies related to these processes ensures that interventions are evidence-based and aligned with best practices (SAMHSA, 2023). This Special Issue seeks to publish original studies and comprehensive reviews that explore policy, treatment, and/or rehabilitation processes for individuals experiencing substance misuse. We encourage studies that focus on specific substance use diagnoses, as well as those that examine co-occurring disorders through the lens of SUDs. Your contributions will play a crucial role in advancing our understanding of effective policies and practices in this critical field. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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