Special Issue

Substance Misuse and Mental Health Among Young Adults

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue of *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* seeks contributions that explore the interplay between substance use (e.g., alcohol, cannabis, prescription misuse, polysubstance use) and mental health (e.g., depression, anxiety, suicidality) among young adults aged 18–29. We welcome original research, systematic reviews, and intervention studies, particularly those that highlight prevention, harm reduction, community-based participatory research, or the role of social determinants of health. Our aim is to advance our understanding of this topic and promote effective, evidence-based approaches that support the wellbeing of young adults across various populations and contexts.

Guest Editor

Dr. Andrea L. Paiva

Department of Psychology, College of Health Sciences, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881, USA

Deadline for manuscript submissions

30 June 2026



International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

CiteScore 8.5
Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/245433

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health Editorial Office MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +41 61 683 77 34 iierph@mdoi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ ijerph





International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

CiteScore 8.5
Indexed in PubMed





About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers.

Scientific discoveries and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a rational basis for informed decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards.

IJERPH provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality peer-reviewed journal.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Paul B. Tchounwou

RCMI Center for Urban Health Disparities Research and Innovation, Richard N. Dixon Research Center, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD 21251, USA

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, PubMed, MEDLINE, PMC, Embase, GEOBASE, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

CiteScore - Q1 (Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health)