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1. Are gambling related cognitions in adolescence multidimensional?: Factor structure of the gambling related cognition scale.

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**Abstract:** The present study examined the factor structure of the Gambling Related Cognitions Scale (GRCS); (Raylu and Oei in Addiction 99:757-769, 2004) in a large sample of adolescents (N = 1,490) between the ages of 16 and 18 years (630 males, 860 females) attending several high schools in central Ontario. Problem gambling was measured using the DSM-IV-J (Fisher in J Gambl Stud 8:263-285, 1992). A 5-factor GRCS model was found to have the best fit to the data, and gambling-related cognitions were found to be powerful predictors of disordered gambling among adolescents. However, strong associations among GRCS subscales, as well as the small amount of variance in problem gambling accounted for by specific GRCS subscales, call into question the multidimensionality of the GRCS when used with adolescents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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2. Teacher awareness and attitudes regarding adolescent risky behaviours: Is adolescent gambling perceived to be a problem?

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**Abstract:** Despite legislative prohibitions, there is empirical evidence that youth gamble on both regulated and unregulated activities. The current survey was designed to assess teachers' awareness and attitudes regarding adolescent gambling and other high-risk behaviours. Three-hundred and ninety teachers from Ontario and Quebec, with experience teaching students aged 12-18, completed an online survey. Results suggest that teachers are aware of the fact that youth gamble. Furthermore, they recognized the addictive nature of gambling and their subsequent consequences. Despite overestimating the proportion of youth experiencing gambling problems, gambling was viewed as being the least serious of issues affecting youth, with drug use and school violence topping the list. Almost half of respondents indicated that gambling in school can constitute a good learning activity. In regards to prevention, all other risky behaviours and academic problems were perceived as issues needing greater attention than gambling. These results, which are largely consistent with findings from a previous study examining parental perceptions of adolescent risky behaviours, suggest a need for greater awareness and teacher education. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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3. Resting-state activity in the left executive control network is associated with behavioral approach and is increased in substance dependence.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Individuals with drug addictions report increased willingness to approach rewards. Approach behaviors are thought to involve executive control processes and are more strongly represented in the left compared to right prefrontal cortex. A direct link between approach tendencies and left hemisphere activity has not been shown in the resting brain. We hypothesized that compared to controls, substance dependent individuals (SDI) would have greater left hemisphere activity in the left executive control network (ECN) at rest. METHODS: Twenty-five SDI and 25 controls completed a Behavioral Inhibition System/Behavioral Activation System (BIS/BAS) questionnaire and underwent a resting-state fMRI scan. Group independent component analysis was performed. We used template matching to identify the left and right ECN separately and compared the corresponding components across groups. Across group, BAS scores were correlated with signal fluctuations in the left ECN and BIS scores with right ECN. RESULTS: BAS scores were higher in SDI compared to controls (p<.003) and correlated with signal fluctuation in the left ECN. SDI showed significantly more activity than controls in the left prefrontal cortex of the left ECN. Conversely, SDI showed less activity than controls in the right prefrontal cortex of the right ECN. CONCLUSIONS: Results from this study suggest that approach tendencies are related to the left ECN, even during rest. Higher resting-state signal in the left ECN may play a role in heightened approach tendencies that contribute to drug-seeking behavior.

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4. Emerging roles of actin cytoskeleton regulating enzymes in drug addiction: Actin or reactin? Citation: Current Opinion in Neurobiology, February 2013(No Pagination Specified), 0959-4388 (Feb 18, 2013)
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Abstract: Neurons rely on their cytoskeleton to give them shape and stability, and on cytoskeletal dynamics for growth and synaptic plasticity. Because drug addiction is increasingly seen as the inappropriate learning of strongly reinforcing stimuli, the role of the cytoskeleton in shaping drug memories has been of increasing interest in recent years. Does the cytoskeleton have an active role in shaping these memories, and to what extent do alterations in the cytoskeleton reflect the acute actions of drug exposure, or homeostatic reactions to the chronic exposure to drugs of abuse? Here we will review recent advances in understanding the role of the cytoskeleton in the development of drug addiction, with a focus on actin filaments, as they have been studied in greater detail. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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5. Neurobiology of addiction versus drug use driven by lack of choice.
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Abstract: Research on the neurobiology of addiction often involves nonhuman animals that are given ready access to drugs for self-administration but without other choices. Here we argue using cocaine as an example that this standard setting may no longer be sufficient and can even lead to the formulation of unrealistic views about the neurobiology of addiction. Addiction as a psychiatric disorder is defined as resulting from brain
dysfunctions that affect normal choice-making, not as an expectable response to lack of alternative choices. We encourage neurobiologists involved in addiction research to increase animals' choice during drug access, preferably by supplying alternative rewarding pursuits. Only animals that continue to take and prefer drugs despite and at the expense of other available choices may be considered as having developed an addiction-like behavior in comparison to those that remain able to stop drug use for other pursuits, even after extended drug use. The systematic comparison of these two individual behaviors should reveal new insights about the neurobiology of drug choice and addiction. More generally, this research should also shed a unique light on how the brain 'chooses' among qualitatively different kinds of pursuits. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: Low sensitivity to the acute effects of alcohol is a risk factor for heavy drinking and related problems. However, little research has tested process explanations for such effects. The current study tested the hypothesis that low sensitivity is associated with automatic approach biases for alcohol cues, coupled with deficits inhibiting responses in the presence of such cues. Eighty-five participants varying in alcohol sensitivity completed an Alcohol-Approach Avoidance Task and a Cued Go/No-Go Task while event-related potentials were recorded. Low sensitivity (LS) individuals showed evidence of automatic approach tendencies toward alcohol cues in both tasks, and experienced deficits inhibiting prepotent responses cued by alcohol images. Additionally, the event-related potential data indicated that LS individuals experienced more conflict when attempting to inhibit alcohol-cued responses, but not nonalcohol-cued responses, compared with their high-sensitivity counterparts. Together, these data indicate that alcohol cues elicit an approach bias among LS individuals, translating into greater difficulty inhibiting behavioral responses in the presence of such cues, a pattern generally supportive of dual process models of substance use. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: The present research examined whether the production of a narrative containing self-redemption (wherein the narrator describes a positive personality change following a negative experience) predicts positive behavioral change. In Study 1, we compared the narratives of alcoholics who had maintained their sobriety for over 4 years with those of alcoholics who had been sober 6 months or less. When describing their last drink, the former were significantly more likely to produce a narrative containing self-redemption than the latter. In Study 2, we examined the relation between the profession of self-redemption and behavioral change using a longitudinal design, by following the newly sober alcoholics from Study 1 over time. Although indistinguishable at initial assessment, newly sober alcoholics whose narratives included self-redemption were substantially more likely to maintain sobriety in the following months, compared to newly sober alcoholics who produced nonredemptive narratives; 83% of the redemptive group maintained sobriety between assessments, compared to 44% of nonredemptive participants. Redemptive participants in Study 2 also demonstrated improved health relative to the nonredemptive group. In both studies, the effects of self-redemption on sobriety and health held after controlling for relevant personality traits, alcohol dependence, recovery program involvement, initial physical and mental health, and additional narrative themes. Collectively, these results suggest that the production of a self-redemptive narrative may stimulate prolonged behavioral change and thus indicate a potentially modifiable psychological process that exhibits a major influence on recovery from addiction. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: Background: Approximately 90,000 Canadians use opioids each year, many of whom experience health and social problems that affect the individual user, families, communities and the health care system. For those who wish to reduce or stop their opioid use, methadone maintenance therapy (MMT) is effective and supporting evidence is well-documented. However, access and availability to MMT is often inconsistent, with greater inequity outside of urban settings. Involving community based primary-care physicians in the delivery of MMT could serve to expand capacity and accessibility of MMT programs. Little is known, however, about the extent to which MMT, particularly office-based delivery, is acceptable to physicians. The aim of this study is to survey
physicians about their attitudes towards MMT, particularly office-based delivery, and the perceived barriers and facilitators to MMT delivery. Methods: In May 2008, facilitated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia, a cross-sectional, e-mail survey of 950 primary-care physicians practicing in Nova Scotia, Canada was administered via the OPINIO on-line survey software, to assess the acceptability of office-based MMT. Logistic regressions, adjusted for physician sociodemographic characteristics, were used to examine the association between physicians' willingness to participate in office-based MMT, and a series of measures capturing physician attitudes and knowledge about treatment approaches, opioid use, and methadone, as well as perceived barriers to MMT. Results: Overall, 19.8% of primary-care physicians responded to the survey, with 56% who indicated that they would be willing to be involved in MMT under current or similar circumstances; however, willingness was associated with numerous attitudinal and systemic factors. The barriers to involvement in MMT that were frequently cited included a lack of training or experience in MMT, lack of support services, and potential challenges of working with an MMT patient population. Conclusions: Study findings provide valuable information to help facilitate greater involvement of primary-care physicians in MMT, while highlighting concerns around administration, support, and training. Even limited uptake by primary-care physicians would greatly enhance MMT access in Nova Scotia, particularly for methadone clients located in rural communities. These findings are applicable broadly, to any jurisdictions where office-based MMT is not currently available. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
10. Sex differences in novelty- and psychostimulant-induced behaviors of C57BL/6 mice.

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Abstract: Rationale: Women are more sensitive than men to psychostimulants and progress from initial use to drug addiction more quickly. The mouse has been an under-utilized model to study sex differences in psychostimulant action. Mice could serve as an ideal genetically tractable model for mechanistic studies into sex and hormone effects on psychostimulant behavior. Objectives: The objective of this study was to characterize psychostimulant effects in male and female mice with a combination of automated data collection and behavioral observation. Methods: Male and female C57BL/6 mice (Charles River) were given a single dose or sequential ascending binge doses of D-amphetamine (AMPH) or cocaine (COC). Behavior was assessed in open field chambers using both automated photobeam interruptions and behavioral observations. Brain psychostimulant concentrations were determined at the time of maximum behavioral stimulation. Results: Psychostimulants induced behavioral activation in mice including both increased locomotion as detected with an automated system and a sequence of behaviors progressing from stereotyped sniffing at low doses to patterned locomotion and rearing at high doses. Females exhibited more patterned locomotion and a shift towards higher behavior scores after either psychostimulant despite having lower AMPH and equivalent COC brain levels as males. Conclusions: Female C57BL/6 mice exhibit enhanced psychostimulant-induced behavior compared to males, similar to reports in rats. The combination of automated behavioral measures and behavioral observation was essential for verifying the existence of these differences. These results indicate the importance of testing both sexes when characterizing genetically manipulated mice to control for potential sex-specific effects. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: Rationale: Sensitization of the incentive and dopamine (DA) stimulant properties of drug-conditioned stimuli (CSs) by repeated exposure to drugs of abuse has been assigned an important role in the genesis of drug addiction. Objective: To test in rats if morphine-induced sensitization potentiates incentive and DA-releasing properties in the nucleus accumbens (NAc) shell and core elicited by presentation of a morphine-conditioned stimulus(CS) and if this property generalizes to a non-drug-(palatable food, Fonzies)-CS. Methods: Controls and rats previously sensitized by morphine were trained via three daily sessions consisting of a 10-min presentation of CS (Fonzies filled box, FB) followed by s.c. saline and morphine (1 mg/kg) or by standard food and Fonzies. Rats were implanted with microdialysis probes and the next-day incentive reactions and NAc shell and core DA were monitored during CS presentation and subsequent morphine (1 mg/kg) administration or Fonzies feeding. Results: Morphine sensitization increased incentive and NAc shell and core DA responses to morphine-CS. Morphine conditioning per se increased incentive reactions and NAc shell but not core DA responses to FB presentation. Morphine sensitization potentiated incentive responses but did not affect NAc shell and core DA responses to Fonzies-CS. Fonzies conditioning increased incentive reactions and NAc core but not shell DA responses to FB presentation. Conclusions: These observations confirm the prediction of the incentive sensitization theory in the case of drug-CS but not of non-drug-CS. NAc DA might be differentially involved in the expression of incentive sensitization of drugand non-drug-CSs, thus providing a clue for the abnormal incentive properties of drug CSs. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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12. Attenuated effects of experimenter-administered heroin in adolescent vs. adult male rats: Physical withdrawal and locomotor sensitization.

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Abstract:
Objectives: Early onset of heroin use during adolescence might increase chances of later drug addiction. Prior work from our laboratory suggests, however, that adolescent male rats are actually less sensitive than adults to some enduring effects of heroin self-administration. In the present study, we tested two likely correlates of sensitivity to behavioral reinforcement in rats: physical withdrawal and locomotor sensitization.

Methods: Adolescent (35 days old at start) and adult (79 days old) male Sprague-Dawley rats were administered escalating doses of heroin, increasing from 1.0 to 8.0 mg/kg (i.p.) every 12 h, across 13 days. Somatic signs of spontaneous withdrawal were scored 12 and 24 h after the last injection, and then every 24 h for 5 days; locomotion was recorded concurrently. Challenge injections of heroin (1 mg/kg i.p.) were given at four points: as the first of the escalating doses (day 1), at days 7 and 13 during the escalating regimen, and after 12 days of forced abstinence. Body mass and food intake were measured throughout experimentation.

Results: A heroin withdrawal syndrome was not observed among adolescents as it was among adults, including somatic signs as well as reduced locomotion, body mass, and food intake. On the other hand, heroin-induced locomotor sensitization did not differ across ages. Conclusion: Reduced withdrawal is consistent with the attenuated reinforcing effects of heroin among adolescent male rats that we reported previously. Thus, it is possible that adolescent rats could reveal important neuroprotective factors for use in treatment of heroin dependence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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*Sensitization
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Rats

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13. Selective presynaptic enhancement of the prefrontal cortex to nucleus accumbens pathway by cocaine.

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Abstract:
The nucleus accumbens (NAc) regulates motivated behavior by, in part, processing excitatory synaptic projections from several brain regions. Among these regions, the prefrontal cortex (PFC) and basolateral amygdala, convey executive control and affective states, respectively. Whereas glutamatergic synaptic transmission within the NAc has been recognized as a primary cellular target for cocaine and other drugs of abuse to induce addiction-related pathophysiological motivational states, the understanding has been thus far limited to drug-induced postsynaptic alterations. It remains elusive whether exposure to cocaine or other drugs of abuse influences presynaptic functions of these excitatory projections, and if so, in which projection pathways. Using optogenetic methods combined with biophysical assays, we demonstrate that the presynaptic release probability (Pr) of the PFC-to-NAc synapses was enhanced after short-term withdrawal (1 d) and long-term (45 d) withdrawal from either noncontingent (i.p. injection) or contingent (self-administration) exposure to cocaine. After long-term withdrawal of contingent drug exposure, the Pr was higher compared with i.p. injected rats. In contrast, within the basolateral amygdala afferents, presynaptic Pr was not significantly altered in any of these experimental conditions. Thus, cocaine-induced procedure- and pathway-specific presynaptic enhancement of excitatory synaptic transmission in the NAc. These results, together with previous findings of cocaine-induced postsynaptic enhancement, suggest an increased PFC-to-NAc shell glutamatergic synaptic transmission after withdrawal from exposure to cocaine. This presynaptic alteration may interact with other cocaine-induced cellular adaptations to shift the functional output of NAc neurons, contributing to the addictive emotional and motivational state. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: This article discusses the use of high risk drugs like crystal methamphetamine by the gay population of London. The use of crystal methamphetamine is on the rise in London's gay scene, putting men who have sex with men at higher risk of infections. London's 24 hour gay scene is world famous, with clubbing that goes on all weekend and beyond. Many of London's drug using men who have sex with men (MSM), and also lesbians, and their heterosexual male and female friends often congregate at post-club parties known as chillouts where drug taking continues until drugs, money, energy, or all three run out. There are also many sex parties where MSM congregate at homes for group sex. Most MSM who use drugs in London take combinations of ecstasy, mephedrone, cocaine, gamma butyrolactone (GBL), and ketamine, in various doses and times during their partying cycle. Injection of crystal meth or mephedrone to get a bigger rush or high known as slamming is also increasing, taking place at sex parties or chill-outs where many people often share equipment without sterilizing it. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

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Abstract: Introduction: The present pilot study investigated cortical processes during automatic and regulated approach-avoidance reactions for the first time. Methods 1: In 15 healthy volunteers, prefrontal activity was measured with functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS) during performance of a joystick version of the Approach-Avoidance Task (AAT). In experiment 1, participants approached (pulled towards their body) and avoided (pushed away from their body) positive and negative pictures. Results 1: Incompatible, regulated reactions (avoid positive, approach negative) compared to compatible, automatic reactions (approach positive, avoid negative) caused stronger activation in terms of a decrease of deoxygenated haemoglobin (HHb) in right dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) (i.e., in one of the main instances for behavioural control in humans). Methods 2: In the context of pathologically enhanced approach tendencies in addiction disorders and of planned future studies, we presented alcohol and non-alcohol pictures in experiment 2. Results 2: Here, left anterior lateral orbitofrontal cortex as part of the general reward system processing secondary rewards showed stronger activation in terms of increased oxygenated haemoglobin (O2Hb) during approaching compared to avoiding alcohol pictures. This difference was positively correlated with participants' expectation about beneficial effects of alcohol in terms of emotional regulation. Discussion: Despite some limitations due to the pilot character of the study, our results suggest that further combinations of the AAT and functional imaging methods will reveal detailed insight into neuronal mechanisms constituting approach-avoidance as basic behavioural principles and into specifically altered sub-processes in alcohol dependence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: Classically, disorders associated with 'alcohol-related brain damage' (ARBD) occur as a result of chronic excessive alcohol misuse and confer significant physical and psychological disability to the individual as well as to the community. These phenotypes are often difficult to detect at early stages and therefore early intervention and treatment is limited. It remains unresolved as to whether there are neurobiological markers of the early stages of such brain damage in young 'at-risk' drinkers, who probably experience 'alcohol-induced brain impairment' prior to the onset of ARBD, per se. This review focuses on neurobiological (in particular, neuropsychological and neuroimaging) markers that are associated with alcohol misuse in young people (13-24 years of age). The findings from this review suggest that a clearer understanding of alcohol misuse (particularly with regards to binge drinking) is needed. Despite this, neurocognitive profile along with supporting neuroimaging evidence appears to be particularly important in the early detection of brain changes that result from excessive alcohol use. In young alcohol misusers, these preventable and potentially reversible deficits may be progressive but if left unresolved such deficits eventually become major contributors to poor outcome (long term) and hamper adherence to treatment. We address five key themes in this review: (i) there are specific drinking patterns in young people; (ii) youth represents a critical period in brain development that is particularly vulnerable to alcohol misuse; (iii) the extent to which there are pre-existing versus alcohol-induced neurobiological changes remains unclear; (iv) vulnerability markers may be mediated by mental health and substance use comorbidities; and (v) cognitive remediation would be a likely candidate for early prevention and treatment as it could help to develop efficient meta-cognitive skills to prevent relapse in young drinkers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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**Abstract:** Cognitive-behavioral integrated treatment (CBIT) is an intervention that social workers can learn to treat youth's drug abuse by cognitive restructuring, behavioral modification, and goal setting. A way to enhance the learning is training specifically for CBIT. Evaluation of the effectiveness of such training in raising social workers' CBIT practice and their young service users' illicit-drug-free days is the aim of this experimental study. This study first randomly assigned 14 outreach social workers to receive training for CBIT and 14 outreach social workers not to receive the training. The study also assessed 222 young service users (aged 11-22 years) engaged by 28 outreach social workers before the training and 169 of them after the training in a six-month follow-up. Furthermore, the study identified the reduction in the youth's dysfunctional cognition of playfulness as a means to deter the youth's drug abuse, based on personal interviews with outreach social workers and their young service users before the training. Derived from the statistical analysis of assessment data, results principally showed cascading effects from the social worker's reception of the CBIT training to the young service user's reception of CBIT, reduced playfulness, and lengthened drug-free days. A supplementary finding was that the young service user's time in the outreach social work service prolonged drug-free days and reduced playfulness. These results imply that the outreach social work service, CBIT training, and CBIT are useful for treating youth's illicit drug abuse. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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18. Living an unstable everyday life while attempting to perform normality-The meaning of living as an alcohol-dependent woman.

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Aims and objectives: To illuminate the meaning of living with alcohol dependency as a woman. Background: The number of women suffering from alcohol dependency is increasing. Today there are shortcomings in knowledge about the lived experiences of being a woman with alcohol dependency; knowledge which might be of importance for meeting these women's specific needs of care. Design: The study has a qualitative design. Fourteen women with alcohol dependency participated in open in-depth interviews. Method: Data were analysed according to a phenomenological-hermeneutic method, and interpreted by help from gender and caring perspectives as well as results from previous research of alcohol dependency. Results: In relation to the women's senses of well-being, four main gender formations were found; An unstable self involving continual and rapid swings between emotional and bodily reactions. Ambivalence-meaning ambiguous feelings towards themselves as human beings and how they lead their lives. Introspectiveness-involving reflections, pondering and being introverted. Attempts to perform normality-covering-dealing with life through various strategies and facades to live up to the expectations of how to behave as a woman. Conclusion: Living with alcohol dependency as a woman constitutes of a rapid shifting everyday life resulting in senses of alienation as well as private introspection leading to self-degradation, and to a lesser extent meaningfulness and hope. It also constitute of managing to perform normality. Relevance to clinical practice: When supporting women with alcohol dependency towards wellbeing, professionals need to work towards approaching the woman's inner thoughts, share them and reflect over them together. To support these women to find balance in life, caregivers need to cooperate with the women to find out how best to live a life adjusted to the woman's abilities and wishes. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
smoking cues. The present work considers whether mindful attention can reduce self-reported and neural markers of cue-induced craving in treatment seeking smokers. Forty-seven (n = 47) meditation-naive treatment-seeking smokers (12-h abstinent from smoking) viewed and made ratings of smoking and neutral images while undergoing functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI). Participants were trained and instructed to view these images passively or with mindful attention. Results indicated that mindfulness reduced self-reported craving to smoking images, and reduced neural activity in a craving-related region of subgenual anterior cingulate cortex (sgACC). Moreover, a psychophysiological interaction analysis revealed that mindfulness reduced functional connectivity between sgACC and other craving-related regions compared to passively viewing smoking images, suggesting that mindfulness may decouple craving neurocircuitry when viewing smoking cues. These results provide an initial indication that mindful attention may describe a bottom-up attention to one’s present moment experience in ways that can help reduce subjective and neural reactivity to smoking cues in smokers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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20. Substance screening and referral for substance abuse treatment in an integrated mental health care program.
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Abstract: Objective: This study examined rates of substance screening and referral for substance abuse treatment as part of an integrated care program providing mental health services to low-income patients in primary care. Methods: Adults (N = 11,150) who were enrolled in the program between 2008 and 2010 were included. Primary outcomes included substance screening rates, treatment referral rates, and correlates of accessing recommended treatment. Results: A total of 7,513 (67%) participants were screened for substance abuse. Among the 2,856 (38%) participants with a positive screen, 1,344 (47%) were referred for treatment. After adjustment for covariates, accessing recommended treatment was associated with past substance abuse treatment history, alcohol use, heavy drug use, posttraumatic stress disorder, and number of follow-up contacts with a care manager. Conclusion: This study of a vulnerable population highlights missed opportunities for identifying and referring patients in primary care to substance abuse treatment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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Abstract: Objectives: This study estimated unmet need for mental health services, identified population risk factors related to unmet need, and established baseline data to assess the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. Methods: National Health Interview Survey data (1997-2010) were analyzed. Results: Unmet need increased from 4.3 million in 1997 to 7.2 million in 2010. Rates in 2010 were about five times higher for uninsured than for privately insured persons. In a multivariate logistic model, likelihood was higher among children (age two to 17), working-age adults (age 18-64), women, uninsured persons, persons with low incomes, in fair or poor health, and with chronic conditions. Conclusions: Unmet need is widespread, particularly among the uninsured. Expansion of coverage under the ACA, in conjunction with federal parity, should improve access, but ongoing monitoring of access is a research and policy priority. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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22. Drugs for kids: Good or bad?

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Abstract: This editorial discusses 2 types of drugs used in children: psychostimulants and second-generation antipsychotics. Although diagnosis of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and appropriate prescription and use of psychostimulants has been established over many years, relatively little is known about their long-term effects. Results from animal studies suggest possible long-term effects on addiction and reward,
although this does not appear to be the case in the short-term for patients with ADHD.

With respect to antipsychotics, the challenges of diagnosing schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in children make it difficult to assess the effectiveness of antipsychotics to treat them. Psychostimulants, such as methylphenidate and amphetamine, have been approved for many years for the treatment of ADHD in children as young as 6 years old. Despite the potential benefits of using drugs to treat psychopathology in children, animal models raise concerns regarding their use during development. In contrast to animal models, there is a paucity of studies of the developmental effects of pharmacological intervention with these compounds in human childhood or early adolescence. There are a number of issues that need to be considered regarding the use of drugs in children. Psychostimulants have been used for many years and are often very beneficial to children with ADHD. However, like cocaine, methylphenidate and amphetamine are listed as class 2 controlled substances in the United States because of their addictive properties. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
childhood abuse, and PER3 genotype were independent predictors of insomnia severity, as measured by a 7-item subscale of the Sleep Disorders Questionnaire, explaining 28.9% of the variance. Addition of the genotype in the final step significantly increased the amount of variance explained by 1.1% (P = 0.027). Those with the PER34/4 genotype had the greatest severity of insomnia symptoms. Conclusions: PER3 genotype contributed unique variance in predicting insomnia severity in AD patients. These results are consistent with genetically influenced impairment in sleep regulation mechanisms in AD patients with insomnia. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: In the study of individual and behavioral characteristics, the need emerges to use observer ratings as well as self report type instruments in order to limit the intrinsic errors in both of the research methodologies. The present study looks deeper into the role of observer ratings in measuring workaholism. In particular, we evaluate the metric properties of a scale of observer rating of work addiction (DUWAS-OR) in terms of validity and reliability, and we determine its effectiveness in terms of distinguishing between workaholic workers. A questionnaire was administered to a sample of 243 couples of husband/wife or partners (N = 486) including scales of self report and observer rating of the partner, together with scales measuring workload and work-family conflict. A confirmatory factor analysis of the DUWAS-OR highlighted a two factor model of the scale, which presents good fit indexes; the analysis of the correlations between variables suggests good properties in terms of discriminant and convergent validity. Finally, using McNemar's test it was possible to determine that the number of participants identified as workaholic does not differ between the two methods, with a percentage of perfect correspondence of more than 80%. These results suggest the opportuneness of using an integrated approach to measure workaholism. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract) 

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25. Evidence for multiple genetic factors underlying the DSM-IV criteria for alcohol dependence.

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**Abstract:** To determine the number of genetic factors underlying the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) criteria for alcohol dependence (AD), we conducted structural equation twin modeling for seven AD criteria, plus two summary screening questions, in 7133 personally interviewed male and female twins from the Virginia Adult Twin Study of Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders, who reported lifetime alcohol consumption. The best-fit twin model required three genetic and two unique environmental common factors, and criterion-specific unique environmental factors. The first genetic factor was defined by high loadings for the probe question about quantity and frequency of alcohol consumption, and tolerance criterion. The second genetic factor loaded strongly on the probe question about self-recognition of alcohol-related problems and AD criteria for loss of control, desire to quit, preoccupation and activities given up. The third genetic factor had high loadings for withdrawal and continued use despite the problems criteria. Genetic factor scores derived from these three factors differentially predicted patterns of comorbidity, educational status and other historical/clinical features of AD. The DSM-IV syndrome of AD does not reflect a single dimension of genetic liability, rather, these criteria reflect three underlying dimensions that index risk for: (i) tolerance and heavy use; (ii) loss of control with alcohol associated social dysfunction and (iii) withdrawal and continued use despite problems. While tentative and in need of replication, these results, consistent with the rodent literature, were validated by examining predictions of the genetic factor scores and have implications for gene-finding efforts in AD. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Research Setting

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26. CRF2 receptor-deficiency eliminates opiate withdrawal distress without impairing stress coping.
The opiate withdrawal syndrome is a severe stressor that powerfully triggers addictive drug intake. However, no treatment yet exists that effectively relieves opiate withdrawal distress and spares stress-coping abilities. The corticotropin-releasing factor (CRF) system mediates the stress response, but its role in opiate withdrawal distress and bodily strategies aimed to cope with is unknown. CRF-like signaling is transmitted by two receptor pathways, termed CRF1 and CRF2. Here, we report that CRF2 receptor-deficient (CRF2-/−) mice lack the dysphoria-like and the anhedonia-like states of opiate withdrawal. Moreover, in CRF2-/− mice opiate withdrawal does not increase the activity of brain dynorphin, CRF and periaqueductal gray circuitry, which are major substrates of opiate withdrawal distress. Nevertheless, CRF2 receptor-deficiency does not impair brain, neuroendocrine and autonomic stress-coping responses to opiate withdrawal. The present findings point to the CRF2 receptor pathway as a unique target to relieve opiate withdrawal distress without impairing stress-coping abilities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
ineffective in some EU member states. This paper aims to explore the reasons for such failure and to identify the barriers to implementing effective throughcare for this particular group of prisoners. Design/methodology/approach: This paper is drawn from research carried out as part of a European project funded by the Directorate General Justice of the European Commission. The project involved six partners from a range of different member states. The research involved a literature review, followed by in-depth interviews and focus groups with key stakeholders. Each partner carried out the qualitative research within their own country, in order to enable the team to capture local nuances. Findings: The findings indicate that key barriers to implementation of effective throughcare are resources which impacts on the availability of support services, attitudes and training of staff and ultimately the continuity of care. Originality/value: This paper adds to the body of knowledge regarding the provision of effective throughcare to those with problematic drug use. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Methodology
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28. Typology of dangerous games among middle and high school students: Towards a study of the psychological profiles.

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Abstract: Twelve percent of seven to 17 year-old children have been involved in a dangerous game [23]. Nowadays, it distinguishes non-oxygenation games, aggression games and challenge games. Often mixed together, they are part of the broad spectrum of risk taking behaviors. The objective of this research is to identify psychological factors associated with each type of dangerous games. A multisource assessment (832 adolescents and 416 parents) found that asphyxial games could become addictive; challenge games would be the response to a high novelty-seeking and that aggression games could be the indicator of an emotional detachment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Subject Headings: *Adolescent Psychopathology
*Childhood Play Behavior
*Dangerousness
*Games
*Risk Taking
Objective: The primary aim of our study was to evaluate if a group of medication-overuse headache (MOH) patients present dysfunctions in the mesocorticolimbic dopamine circuit. The secondary aim was to disentangle the role of the medication overuse and of the acute/chronic headache in determining these alterations and to investigate their persistence. Background: Several researches have suggested that MOH may belong to the spectrum of addictive behavior. Preclinical models and neuroimaging studies have consistently demonstrated that in addiction, critical long-lasting alterations occur in the mesocorticolimbic dopamine circuit. If MOH shares some neurophysiological features with addiction, long-lasting functional alterations of the mesocorticolimbic dopamine system related to medication overuse should be present. Methods: We collected functional magnetic resonance imaging data during the execution of a decision-making under risk paradigm in 8 MOH patients immediately after beginning medication withdrawal, in 8 detoxified MOH patients at 6 months after beginning medication withdrawal, in 8 chronic migraine patients, and in 8 control subjects. Results: Our results revealed that MOH patients present: (1) reduced task-related activity in the substantia nigra/ventral tegmental area complex and increased activity in the ventromedial prefrontal cortex, when compared with controls; (2) reduced activity in the substantia nigra/ventral tegmental area complex, when compared with chronic migraine patients; (3) increased activity in the ventromedial prefrontal cortex, when compared with detoxified MOH patients. Conclusion: Our study showed that MOH patients present dysfunctions in the mesocorticolimbic dopamine circuit, in particular in the ventromedial prefrontal cortex and in the substantia nigra/ventral tegmental area complex. The ventromedial prefrontal cortex...
cortex dysfunctions seem to be reversible and attributable to the acute/chronic headache, whereas the substantia nigra/ventral tegmental area complex dysfunctions are persistent and possibly related to medication overuse. These dysfunctions might be the expression of long-lasting neuroadaptations related to the overuse of medications and/or a pre-existing neurophysiological condition leading to vulnerability to medication overuse. The observed persistent dysfunctions in the midbrain dopamine suggest that MOH may share some neurophysiological features with addiction. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
DSM-IV PDUD criteria and 203 (77%) had no disorder; 85% had one or more ADRB documented. Few differences in frequencies of individual behaviors were noted between groups, with only "appearing intoxicated or high" documented more frequently among participants with PDUD (N = 10, 16%) vs no disorder (N = 8, 4%), P = 0.002. The only common ADRB, "emergency visit for pain," did not discriminate between those with and without the disorder (82% PDUD vs 78% no disorder, P = 0.6). Conclusions: EMR documentation of ADRBs is common among PC patients prescribed opioids or benzodiazepines, but unsystematic clinician documentation does not identify PDUDs. Evidence-based approaches are needed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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31. The German version of the Internet Addiction Test: A validation study.

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Abstract: Reports about excessive Internet use, possibly amounting to an addiction, have increased. Progress with research and treatment of this phenomenon requires valid standardized assessment instruments. A frequently used questionnaire is the Internet Addiction Test (IAT) by Kimberly Young. The 20-item questionnaire is well established in a number of languages, but a German validation was lacking so far. An online (ON) sample (n = 1,041, age 24.2 +/- 7.2 years, 46.7 percent men) completed an Internet version of the IAT and a student sample (offline [OF] sample, n = 841, age: 23.5 +/- 3.0 years, 46.8 percent men) filled in a paper/pencil version. The participants also answered questions regarding their Internet use habits. A further sample of 108 students (21.5 +/- 2.0 years, 25.7 percent men) completed the questionnaire twice to determine the 14-day retest reliability. The internal consistencies were = 0.91 (ON) and = 0.89 (OF). Item-whole correlations ranged from r = 0.23 to r = 0.65 (ON) and from r = 0.30 to r = 0.64 (OF). Two-week retest reliability was rtt = 0.83. Factor analyses with Varimax rotation yielded the same two factors in both samples, which explained 46.7 percent (ON) and 42.0 percent (OF) of the variance. The IAT score correlated with the time spent in the Internet in a typical week (ON: r = 0.44; OF: r = 0.38). The German version of the IAT was shown to have good psychometric properties and a stable two-factorial structure. Correlations with online time
were in line with those reported for the IAT in other languages. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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32. Review of the proposed DSM-5 substance use disorder.

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Abstract: The DSM-5 Task Force has recommended a new substance use disorder to replace substance abuse and dependence. This article provides an overview of substance abuse and dependence, a description of the DSM-5 substance use disorder, and implications and potential consequences of this change. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Language: English
Abstract: Undergraduate counselors-in-training completed the Substance Abuse Attitude Survey, which measures treatment intervention, treatment optimism, and nonstereotypical attitudes. Treatment optimism was positively correlated with nonstereotypical attitudes and treatment intervention. Results indicated that treatment intervention and
nonstereotypical attitudes must be addressed in addiction counseling courses. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Subject Headings: *Counselor Education  
*Drug Abuse  
*Drug Rehabilitation  
*Drug Usage Attitudes  
*Student Attitudes  
Graduate Students  
Intervention
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34. The Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3 and stages of change: A screening validity study.

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Language: English
Abstract: The sensitivity of the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3 (SASSI-3) was examined among substance-dependent adults enrolled in a family drug court. The SASSI-3 had a high sensitivity rate with this population, even across varying levels of motivation to change. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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Data from 57 clinical supervisors in licensed substance abuse treatment programs indicate that 28% had completed formal graduate course work in clinical supervision and 33% were professionally licensed or certified. Findings raise concerns about the scope and quality of clinical supervision available to substance abuse counselors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)


Reviews the book, Multisystemic Therapy and Neighborhood Partnerships: Reducing Adolescent Violence and Substance Abuse by C.C. Swenson, S.W. Henggeler, I. S. Taylor, and O.W. Addison (see record 2005-03460-000). This book is a must for anyone who is interested in community-based approaches to mental health and substance abuse issues. The main feature of these families is that the young people are on the verge of being placed either in a social care setting or a young offender institution. Multisystemic therapy (MST) is a community-based approach of working with families to help them reduce the high level, and often myriad, of concerns that put the adolescent at risk of being placed outside of the home. The book itself uses very clear language and is easy to follow. Each chapter is well laid out. This book remains an interesting read as an example to strengthen relationships within families as well as those with wider systems. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

37. The pharmacists' role in patient-provider pain management treatment agreements.

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With the increased focus on improving patients' pain control and upward trends in opioid overdose and deaths, health care professionals have become increasingly interested in reducing their professional risks and improving the safety of their patients receiving chronic opioids. These fears can often be further exacerbated by media attention of deaths from opioid misuse or unintentional overdose and physician prosecution for "overprescribing" of controlled substances, including opioids. This article discusses the role pharmacists can play in patient-provider agreements, and highlights the potential risks associated with chronic opioid therapy. In addition, it describes the important differences between abuse, addiction, physical dependence, and tolerance. Sample informed consent for chronic opioid therapy and patient-provider agreements are included. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Abstract: Obesity is a growing epidemic in North America—one with complex and multiple causes. Emotions play a greater role than we realize, acting as the catalyst for binge eating. By understanding the real needs at the root of food cravings, and learning coping tools for managing stress, one can overcome compulsive eating behaviors permanently. Weight loss has been a struggle for countless people in our food-obsessed culture; even achieving a healthy relationship with food is difficult for many Americans. Why is this? Respected author Marcia Sirota examines this phenomenon, exploring the emotional and psychological factors involved with overeating and food addiction. Emotional Overeating: Know the Triggers, Heal Your Mind, and Never Diet Again starts with the root cause of obesity and ends with practical techniques to find freedom from the urge to overeat. The author provides an overview of the overeating and obesity problem, offers a critical look at the downfalls of dieting, and reveals the reasons why many of us use food to supplant a real emotional need. The book includes numerous exercises and specific tools for healing, as well as an avenue to effortless permanent weight loss.

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*Eating Behavior  
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*Binge Eating Disorder  
Addiction  
Coping Behavior  
Craving  
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Epidemics  
Food Intake  
Stress Management  
Weight Loss

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Language: Spanish

Abstract: This paper analyses the case of C, a woman treated for alcohol addiction and other associated problems. The aim is to present a case which has been successfully addressed from a cognitive and behavioral therapy approach, and where all progress achieved can be justified through the operationalization of change measures. The results obtained show an overall positive trend in almost all registered change measures, despite the difficulties presented due to several problem areas associated with the case, and client's reluctance to change. These two factors are often present in this type of problem, and clinicians would do well to remain alert to possible relapses, which are so common in cases of alcohol abuse or dependence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
41. Development of the Mobile Phone Addiction Tendency Scale for college students.

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Abstract: Objective: To develop the Mobile Phone Addiction Tendency Scale (MPATS) for college students and test its reliability and validity. Methods: The structure of MPATS was proposed according to theoretical analysis and interview. The data were collected in a convenience sample of 641 college students. The scale was revised through item analysis. The construct validity of the scale was tested through exploratory factor analysis (n = 290) and confirmatory factor analysis (n = 351). The test-retest reliability was tested by 67 students 1 week later. Results: The exploratory factor analysis indicated that MPATS was composed of 16 items and four factors, including withdrawal symptoms, salience, social comfort and mood changes. The Cronbach a for each factor ranged from 0.55-0.80. The Cronbach a of the whole scale was 0.83, and the test-retest reliability coefficient of the MPATS was 0.91. The range of factor loading was between 0.51-0.79. They could explain 54.3% of ANOVA. The confirmatory factor analysis indicated that the four-factor model had good fitting indices. Conclusions: It suggests that the Mobile Phone Addiction Tendency Scale for College Students has satisfactory reliability, validity and could be used in the related researches. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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42. Complex settings: What motivates substance abusers to change and what are the consequences for the drug treatment system?

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Abstract: Often, men and women with substance abuse problems (alcohol, marihuana, heroin or cocaine) or substance dependence do not suffer because of their disorder. Therefore, many of them do not go to see a counsellor on their own but are forced into counselling: by court order due to a drug crime or due to driving under the influence of psychotropic drugs; or they are sent by the employer or on demand of the child and youth services or pressed by family members and friends. In Germany, official data indicate that some 10% of those with alcohol problems and some 40% to 50% of those with other drug problems (heroin, cocaine etc.) enter drug counselling and treatment due to a court order. There are good reasons to assume that the percentage of substance dependents that start drug treatment due to coercion or quasi-compulsion is much higher. These facts are not new, and have been known for quite some time. However, in Germany, the discussion on beginning and shaping the healing relationship between counsellor and a client that enters treatment on coercion or quasi-compulsion has only just started. This is somewhat puzzling, since evaluation studies and meta-analyses show that counselling of substance dependent clients that are coerced into treatment can be successful. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Abstract: The present study evaluated the effectiveness of a drug-free unit (DFU) in reducing the use of substances by incarcerated adult offenders, and to analyze changes in the addiction severity index, motivation, and personality caused by the program. This is an external evaluation, with an ex post facto design with repeated measures. Eighty-seven prisoners from the DFU were evaluated during the first year of residence in the program. Most are young men, polydrug addicts and mainly serving sentences for public health crimes and property offenses. There is need of psychiatric treatment at the baseline, with 85% comorbid personality disorders. Motivation for treatment is low, and remains stable over 12 month's duration of the study. The DFU was found to have a significant effect in reducing the use of drugs by offenders and to improve the drug and family composite scores, also reducing scores on personality scales. However, it fails to change medical and psychiatric scores, so that the need for intervention in these areas is underscored. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This article explores the Internet uses from a psychological point of view. It tackles the Problematic Internet Use (PIU) and tries to distinguish it from the appropriate use. Through a critical glance at the literature, it attempts to describe and define the problematic Internet use and states the associated factors, types of problematic Internet use and guidelines for assessment. It also underlines the associated characteristics to an appropriate use of Internet. Finally, guidelines for future research are proposed by the authors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)