

Understanding Youth Culture: Substances of Abuse

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Central Time)

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Many social critics argue that today's youth face more serious and critical risks than any previous generation. Parents are convinced that their children face a major crisis. Most experts will agree that violence in schools, deteriorating family structure, substance abuse, alarming media images, and gang activity put teens at-risk.

Teenagers who have trouble coping with the stresses of life are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, engage in criminal activity, are sexually promiscuous, and attempt suicide. Many of these at-risk teens run away and eventually find themselves locked up in detention centers or living on the streets.

Parenting in today's world is a difficult and frustrating endeavor. Now, more than ever, parents need to be knowledgeable about the dangerous influences that threaten the lives of our children. Medical and educational personnel are the confidant for many children, adolescents and their parents. Today's youth can easily make choices that can be a threat to their health and their life. These choices can include but not limited to alcohol and other drugs.

It is vital for those working with youth to identify critical or potentially critical health and behavioral problems. Not knowing the latest trends in our youth culture will limit the individuals scope of questions and proper identification of at-risk behaviors. Program faculty will present and discuss many of the complex issues confronting teens today and demystify many of the substances of abuse some teens are using.

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Program Objectives:

1. Verbalize the latest at-risk behaviors and drugs and/or alcohol that are abused among youth.
2. Verbalize key questions that can be asked of a young adult patient to assess for abuse of drugs and/or alcohol.
3. Identify critical or potentially critical behavioral problems among teenagers.
4. Describe possible signs and symptoms of drug and/or alcohol abuse in a young adult patient.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Clinicians, nurses, educators, social workers, health educators and other public health providers who counsel, educate and manage adolescent clients. This program will also be of interest to school personnel including counselors, teachers, school nurses and administrators.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn

Cost: There is no cost to view.

CEU's: Nurses - 2.2 hours

Social Workers - 1.8 hours

NP Pharmacology - 2.2 hours

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on both Ku & C bands.

Webcast Information: Register at www.adph.org/alphtn. To view webcast, you need RealPlayer. Test your computer before the day of the program from the "test connection" link at www.adph.org/alphtn. On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphtn Click on the "view webcast" link.

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program for registered participants.

Questions For Faculty: Fax or email those questions and a response will be given during the program.

Email: alphtnquestions@adph.state.al.us

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Conference Details Questions: 334-206-5618 or send email to alphtn@adph.state.al.us.