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I8 Relapse Prevention for Adolescent Substance Abusers

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The goal of this presentation is to introduce relapse prevention as an essential part of the treatment of adolescent substance abusers.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by assisting in planning realistically for the treatment and rehabilitation of adolescent substance abusers.

OUTCOME: Understanding the components of an effective Relapse Prevention program with adolescent substance abusers.

This is a presentation of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry's Liaison with the AAFS Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section.

Adolescent substance abuse is endemic in our society. Adolescent substance abusers frequently enter the juvenile justice system and the adult criminal justice system. In order to realistically reduce recidivism among adolescent offenders, an understanding of relapse prevention treatment for adolescent substance abusers is essential.

This presentation will consider relapse as part of the phenomenon of addiction. It will review the two models of relapse prevention developed by T.T. Gorski and by G.A. Marlatt, with special consideration of their application to adolescent substance abusers.

Adolescents, Substance Abuse, Relapse Prevention