

# Kennedy Krieger Institute

## Substance Use, the Brain and Disability—Working through the Emotional Brain of Adolescents and the Vulnerable Population



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**Date:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Where:** Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive instructions on how to join the session.

**Objectives:** Participants will be able to:

1. Describe substance use as a developmental disorder.
2. Identify risk and protective factors related to substance use in youth, including those with disabilities.
3. Discuss strategies for prevention, assessment and early intervention.

*Substance use in adolescents remains a significant public health concern. Individuals with disabilities (and their families) face more severe social consequences from substance use-related problems than those without disabilities. There has been a recent dramatic rise in drug overdose deaths in adolescents. A recent report by the National Institute on Drug Abuse shows that in 2022, about 1 in 10 eighth graders, 1 in 5 tenth graders, and 1 in 3 twelfth graders reported illicit drug use in the past year. There is a need to understand adolescent substance use from the developmental perspective. This presentation aims to increase knowledge and awareness among professionals regarding the need to understand and treat adolescent addiction through the lens of emotions, co-occurring disorders, and best practices for intervention.*

**Instructional Level:** Intermediate

**Who Should Attend?** Psychologists, Social workers, Counselors, Educators, Parents and caregivers, Nurses, Clinical and medical staff, Direct support professionals and other community service providers, Speech/Physical/Occupational therapists, Community members, Students/trainees.

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