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CONSEQUENCES OF ADOLESCENT DRUG USE

Impact on Psychological Development
and Young Adult Role Responsibility

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The use and abuse of psychoactive chemicals, including not only illicit drugs but also such widely available substances as cigarettes, alcohol, and medication, has become a problem which affects all segments of society. **Consequences of Adolescent Drug Use** reviews the theories that have been proposed to explain drug use, as well as the scientific studies of long-term drug use effects that have been published. More importantly, it provides the first comprehensive analysis of post-adolescent effects of earlier drug use among a heterogeneous normal sample of individuals. Using its unique data base of 654 young adults who have been followed since early adolescence, the book assesses the effects of adolescent drug use on young adult family formation and stability, deviant behavior, sexual behavior and involvement, educational pursuits, livelihood pursuits, mental health, and social integration. This book will be of interest to behavioral scientists, psychologists, psychiatrists, sociologists, physicians, educators, social workers, and public health researchers.

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