

SUBSTANCES USE OF ADOLESCENTS LIVING IN RESIDENTIAL CARE; ASSOCIATIONS WITH SELF-CONTROL AND ...

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Scientific research about the causes of the use of substances of adolescents living in residential care is lacking. The present study (N=161) investigated two explanations for the high amount of adolescent substance users with a mean age of 14,88 (SD = 2,11) living at a residential care setting situated in the Netherlands. First, self-control was hypothesized to have a negative relation with substance use. Second, sensitivity to peer pressure was hypothesized to have a positive relation with substance use. Third, sensitivity to peer pressure was expected to moderate the effect between self-control and substance use. We controlled for the demographics of age, gender, educational level and severity of the problems. Logistic regression analyses reveals that only for the use of Cannabis, our first two hypotheses can be confirmed.

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