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Research Questions

Why are people with ADHD at such a high risk for becoming substance abusers?

How can special education teachers be better prepared to provide early intervention for students with ADHD?
Three Key Points from Research

1) Clear connection between ADHD and Substance Abuse

2) Problems across many life domains

3) Early intervention is needed
Key Point 1

Clear connection between ADHD and Substance Abuse

(Kaye et al, 2013)
Key Point 2

Problems across many life domains

(Huntley et al 2012)
ADHD

Adulthood
- Under-employed/
  Low income
- Legal difficulties

Adolescence
- Motor vehicle
  accidents
- Smoking/
  Substance abuse

Childhood
- Academic
  underachievement
- Relationships
- Low self
  esteem

Injuries
Key Point 3

Early intervention is needed

(Davids et al, 2005)
References


Reflections

My reflections

Your reflections and questions?