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This News brief alerts you to the following article:
Scheier, L. M. (2001). Etiologic studies of adolescent drug use: A compendium of data resources and their implications for prevention. The Journal of Primary Prevention 22(2), 125-168).

According to the author, findings of this study "provide a single resource reflecting state-of-the-art research findings related to etiological studies of adolescent drug use" (p. 125). This in depth but comprehensible article addresses methodological and conceptual issues central to research on the causes or origins of drug use among adolescents. The author summarizes the methodology and findings of numerous etiological studies and groups them according to five broad domains considered to be predictive of drug use among youth: 1) personality factors (e.g., self-esteem, risk-taking, temperament, conventionality); 2) parental and family socialization processes (e.g., family management, communication, discipline, organization, and structure); 3) peer social influences (e.g., social network analyses, peer selection, socialization, and deviant peer bonding); 4) social skills (e.g., drug refusal skills, assertive and resistance skills) and personal self-management strategies (e.g., perceived mastery and self-efficacy, perceived control, self-reinforcement, decision-making skills, and coping skills); and 5) drug-related expectancies (e.g., perceived functions, beliefs regarding drug effects, cognitive motivations). The author also reviews findings of multi-ethnic youth or ethnic-specific studies that generalize across these five areas (p. 125-126).

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