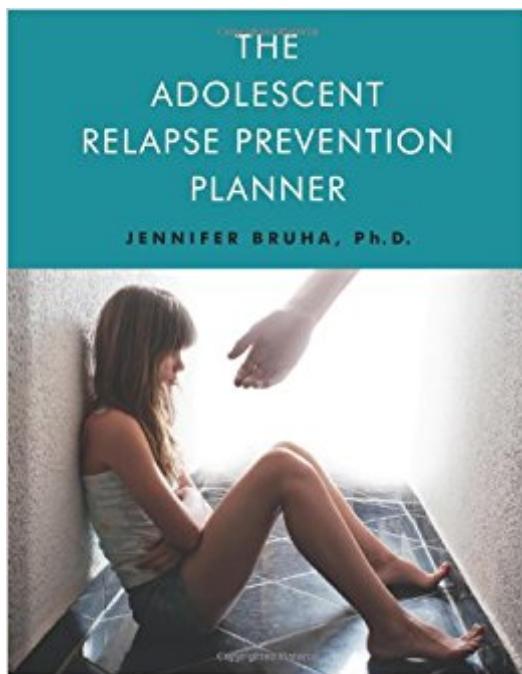


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# The Adolescent Relapse Prevention Planner



## Synopsis

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(<http://www.prweb.com/>) Substance abuse continues to be a problem in society, particularly among adolescents, who are exposed at younger ages to new and stronger drugs with higher addictive potential and greater availability. In response, award-winning teen addictions clinician and research expert Dr. Jennifer Bruha has created an insightful and innovative new workbook that helps counselors, parents and adolescents themselves deal with the challenges of teen addiction and craft a realistic plan for change. The Adolescent Relapse Prevention Planner contains a variety of educational information, discussion topics and exercises around substance abuse that can be used both for individuals and groups. The writing tone, as well as the structure of the exercises, are geared to the teen level; the entire process is designed to be intriguing, thought-provoking, psycho-educational and even fun — making treatment and the recovery process more personally empowering, manageable and more achievable. Bruha addresses recovery from addiction through the stages of change, from overcoming denial and acknowledging that they have a problem with substance abuse; learning more about drugs and exploring the short- and long-term consequences; examining ways to quit, and how to set up structures to prevent relapse; and maintaining a healthy lifestyle every day, then every week and every month. The Adolescent Relapse Prevention Planner offers several unique components not available in other recovery literature, including: Exercises and discussion topics at the end of each section that can be adapted for individuals or groups Drug education, including the short- and long-term health effects of stimulants, depressants and hallucinogens Examples and stories using real-life teen situations such as peer pressure, relationships, emotions, impulsiveness and honest communication Family and genetics issues in substance abuse and addiction, including a section on making a family tree to identify family system patterns in substance abuse, mental health problems and trauma Graphic of the cycle of addiction which clearly illustrates the need to step out of self-defeating behaviors and relationships Self-care, the key to creating real change; including discussions and exercises on mindfulness (a burgeoning topic in psychology and addiction research) "In this high-stress world, where temptations are everywhere. . . adolescents search for that quick fix to escape from reality," Bruha writes in the book's introduction. "Unfortunately for many, that desire for a quick fix leads to substance abuse and even addiction, which impacts puberty and adolescent development physically, psychologically and emotionally. This presents unique challenges in treatment and recovery. This workbook addresses the challenges adolescents face in their own recovery, regardless of where they fit in the stages of change process." •

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## Customer Reviews

Jennifer Bruha, Ph.D. was born and raised in the San Francisco bay area, the eldest of two daughters to Donald and Janis Bruha. She attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where she earned a bachelorâ™s degree in Psychology, followed by a masterâ™s degree in Counseling Psychology and a Certificate in Chemical Dependency Counseling from Notre Dame de Namur University. She earned a second masterâ™s degree and Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Clinical Psychology from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. Jennifer has been working as a clinician since 2003 at Our Common Ground, an adolescent residential treatment facility in Redwood City, California, and at the East Palo Alto adult treatment facility since 2009. She designed the Drug Education and Relapse Prevention curriculum at both facilities and continues to facilitate both groups. Her clinical and research interests include addiction, eating disorders, and trauma. In 2010, she was awarded the Alice Kahn Ladas Research Award for her research in mindfulness and eating disorders from the United States Association of Body Psychotherapy. The Adolescent Relapse Prevention Planner is her first book.

From the Introduction to The Adolescent Relapse Prevention Planner: Substance abuse continues to be a problem, particularly among adolescents, who are exposed at younger ages to new and stronger drugs with higher addictive potential and greater availability. Prescription drug use has exploded as prescriptions are more widely marketed to the public and are made available over the internet. Illicit drug use, likewise, is on the rise. Marijuana and other âœnaturalâ• drugs, whether

legal or illegal, are still popular, as they are relatively cheap, compared to other drugs, and are more socially acceptable. Additionally, over-the-counter drugs such as cough and cold medications and cough syrups have become an inexpensive and easy way to get high. Consequently, this leaves more adolescents feeling unmotivated and unwilling to attend school, complete homework, and fulfill responsibilities, opening the gateway for drug experimentation, behavioral problems, and dropping out of school. In this high stress world, where temptations are everywhere, the economy is in crisis, crime and violence are on the rise, and families are increasingly defined by dysfunction and/or single-parent households, adolescents search for that quick fix to escape from reality. Unfortunately, for many, that desire for a quick fix leads to substance abuse and even addiction, which impacts puberty and adolescent development physically, psychologically, and emotionally. This presents unique challenges in treatment and recovery. Adolescent treatment programs and specialists are grossly underfunded and unavailable, leading to the importance of relapse prevention planning that takes into consideration the special circumstances of adolescence. This workbook addresses these challenges adolescents face in their recovery, regardless of where they fit in the stages of change process. This workbook is intended for use by professionals treating adolescents with substance abuse problems, by treatment programs, and even by adolescents themselves. This may be used as a curriculum or guide for groups that focus on problem identification, drug education, and relapse prevention, or as an adjunct to day treatment, outpatient, inpatient, and residential programs.

ALL THIS INFORMATION COMES IN HANDY FOR SOMEONE THAT IS STARTING IN THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE FIELD. BASICALLY ALL THIS INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON GOOGLE. BASIC INFORMATION.

What an excellent workbook! I found this very useful in my therapy groups.

Very useful and easy to use with a group or individual. Informative. The treatment team also liked the workbook. Thanks for making my job easier.

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