ABC's of Substance Abuse

BEFORE/Triggers (what comes BEFORE you drink alcohol or use drugs)

Behavior (what happens WHILE you drink alcohol or use drugs)

Consequence (what happens AFTER you drink alcohol or use drugs)

EXAMPLES		
Before Use	BEHAVIOR during	CONSEQUENCE after
Feeling angry-had a conflict with my family.	Went to nearby bar, drank, and got into argument.	Thrown out of bar.
Before Use	BEHAVIOR during	CONSEQUENCE after
Wife doesn't understand me and thinks I am different.	Drank at the bar until I was very drunk and all my money is gone.	Yell at my wife and send her away.
YOUR Situation		
Before Use	BEHAVIOR during	CONSEQUENCE after
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