Alcohol Use Among Adolescents with Non-Residential Fathers: A Study of Assets and Deficits
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This study of a stratified random sample of 2,391 high school students from a state-wide population was designed to investigate many elements of attachment theory, with a special focus on non-residential fathers. It examined several assets such as resilience, spirituality, and ego-identity, as well as many deficits such as sexual and physical abuse, depression, suicidal thoughts, and problems relating to biological father.

Almost all study factors were significant predictors of alcohol use. Of particular note were statistical associations between having a non-residential father and problems relating to him, attachment to him, caregiver monitoring, and spirituality. Clinical implications of these findings were discussed.

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