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Bridging the Gap

Office versus Home-Based Family Therapy for Runaway, Alcohol Abusing Adolescents: Examination of Factors Associated with Treatment Attendance
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There is a dearth of research examining treatment engagement and attendance among runaway youth and their families. Such research is needed in order to inform treatment providers on factors associated with engagement and maintenance of these difficult to engage families into counseling. This study examined differences in treatment engagement for addicted abusing runaway youth receiving a local shelter. A traditional office-based family systems approach, Functional Family Therapy (FFT), was compared to a non-traditional, home-based, skills-oriented family therapy approach, Ecologically Based Family Therapy (EBFT). As expected, treatment engagement and attendance was significantly higher for those assigned to EBFT (N = 33) compared to FFT (N = 40). Predictors of treatment attendance include: income, family chaos, externalization problems and level of youth substance use were examined within each treatment modality. Findings suggest that
A Report on the Group of vN* Experiments

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The Spanish High Energy Physics Collaboration

A Professional's Opinion

The Spanish High Energy Physics Collaboration (SHEP) has been involved in various vN* experiments over the years. The collaboration includes physicists from various institutions across Spain, working together to advance our understanding of neutrino physics. The experiments aim to explore the properties of neutrinos, which are fundamental particles that play a crucial role in nuclear processes and astrophysics.

One of the key experiments conducted by SHEP was the vN* experiment, which was designed to study the interaction of neutrinos with matter. This experiment was conducted at the CERN accelerator, where a beam of neutrinos was directed towards a target material. The resulting interactions were detected using a series of detectors placed at various distances from the target.

The collaboration has published several papers detailing the results of these experiments, which have contributed significantly to the field of neutrino physics. These results have helped to refine our understanding of neutrino mixing, oscillations, and interactions with matter.

The SHEP collaboration continues to be active in the field, with ongoing experiments aimed at pushing the boundaries of our knowledge of neutrino physics. The collaboration's dedication to rigorous scientific inquiry and its commitment to collaboration have been instrumental in advancing the field.

In conclusion, the vN* experiments conducted by the Spanish High Energy Physics Collaboration have been a significant contribution to our understanding of neutrino physics. The collaboration's work continues to be an essential part of the global effort to unlock the mysteries of these fundamental particles.
Toward an Addiction-ary: A Proposal for More Precise Terminology

John F. Kelly

A confusing array of terms is used to describe alcohol and other drug-related problems and individuals with such problems. The terms used to describe these phenomena should be explicit, precisely defined, and used consistently to aid unambiguous clinical and scientific communication and promote clearer appraisal of and generalizations from, empirical findings. Furthermore, because our terminology has implications for patients (e.g., targets, programs, e.g., treatment access), and policies (e.g., appropriation of healthcare funding), we should think more critically about our choice of terms and what may be communicated by their use. Specific language is suggested along with a simple algorithm to facilitate the consistent use of terms such as “misuse,” “abuse” and “dependence,” as well as “alcohol,” “drug,” and “substance use disorders.”

KEYWORDS: Misuse, abuse, dependence, alcohol, drug, substance use disorder

The Need for Clarity of Terminology

Gail Gleason Milgram

The lack of clarity in the terms used in the alcohol/drug field negatively impacts policy and programs. To gain societal support for prevention, intervention, and treatment, the terms used need to be clearly and precisely defined.

KEYWORDS: Clear terms, continuum of use, intervention strategies, binge, prevention, alcohol/drug education

Watch Your Language!

Robert D. Sparks

This commentary urges further consideration of the terminology and harmonization of the diagnostic terms used in the social fields and phases of alcohol and chemical addictions as introduced in the two publications in this issue of ATQ by Gail G. Milgram and John F. Kelly. The purpose of such efforts should be to facilitate appropriate and speedy care and treatment of individuals affected by addictions.

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