Stressful Life Events and Trauma Among Substance-Abusing Homeless Men
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This study examined the prevalence and nature of stressful life events and the impact of these events and related factors (mental health disorders, number of episodes of homelessness) on trauma severity among substance-abusing homeless men. Data were collected at five substance abuse treatment agencies in the Southeast. Subjects (N = 99) completed the Stressful Life Events Screening Questionnaire and the Trauma Symptom Checklist-40 and provided demographic information. Analyses revealed that the number of stressful life events and the presence of a co-occurring mental health disorder were both significant predictors of the severity of trauma symptoms. Findings suggest that treatment professionals working with this population should assess for stressful life events and trauma symptoms as part of a comprehensive approach to substance abuse treatment for homeless men.

KEYWORDS. Substance abuse, men, homeless, trauma, stressful life event

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This paper presents data from qualitative interviews of ten homeless men attending a substance abuse treatment agency in the Southeast. Each subject participated in
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This study examined the relationship between Connect, a telephone-based information and support system, and the use of outpatient substance abuse treatment services. Regression models were formulated to examine the relationship between use of substance abuse treatment services and Connect. The results indicate that Connect use was not significantly related to the likelihood of using treatment (N = 240). However, an inverse relationship was found between Connect and use of treatment services (r = -0.21). The findings raise the concern that whether one introduces technology as an “add-on” to or as a substitute for traditional substance abuse treatment services.

KEYWORDS: Substance abuse treatment, information technology, telephone-based information and support, treatment retention.

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