

Teens At Risk

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Navigating adolescence can be difficult, but some teens face greater challenges that put them at risk.- Understanding the factors that contribute to this vulnerability, such as mental health issues, substance abuse, and social isolation, is crucial. By providing support, resources, and early intervention, we can help at-risk teens build resilience and achieve a brighter future.

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The Science of Adolescent Risk-Taking

Adolescence is a time when youth make decisions, both good and bad, that have consequences for the rest of their lives. Some of these decisions put them at risk of lifelong health problems, injury, or death. The Institute of Medicine held three public workshops between 2008 and 2009 to provide a venue for researchers, health care providers, and community leaders to discuss strategies to improve adolescent health.

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Adolescent Risk Behaviors

This book focuses on the crucial role that relationships play in the lives of teenagers. The authors particularly examine the ways that healthy relationships can help teens avoid such common risk behaviors as substance abuse, dating violence, sexual assault, and unsafe sexual practices. Addressing the current lack of effective prevention programs for teens, they present new strategies for encouraging healthy choices. The book first traces differences between the “rules of relating” for boys and girls and discusses typical and atypical patterns of experimentation in teens. The authors identify the common

link among risk behaviors: the relationship connection. In the second part of the book, they examine the principles of successful programs used by schools and communities to cultivate healthy adolescent development. An illuminating conclusion describes the key ingredients for engaging adolescents, their parents, teachers, and communities in the effort to promote healthy, nonviolent relationships among teens.

Adolescents and risk

This informative and useful volume provides a substantial contribution to the understanding of adolescent risk behavior. The book combines theoretical analysis and the findings of a broad-based research project, with accessible presentation throughout.

Teens at Risk

Authors discuss homelessness, teen sex and pregnancy, crime, drug and alcohol abuse, and other factors that put young people at risk and present potential solutions to teens' problems.

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Teens at Risk

Each title in the highly acclaimed Opposing Viewpoints series explores a specific issue by placing expert opinions in a unique pro/con format; the viewpoints are selected from a wide range of highly respected and often hard-to-find publications.; This title explores factors that put teens at risk including: food choices, depression, alcohol and drugs, violent video games, bullying, issues related to sexuality and gender, and poverty.; "Each volume in the Opposing Viewpoints Series could serve as a model not only providing access to a wide diversity of opinions, but also stimulating readers to do further research for group discussion and individual interest. Both shrill and moderate, th"

Serving At-Risk Teens

Working with at-risk teens, including those who are homeless, incarcerated, or in foster care, is a rewarding but often challenging endeavor, especially with a growing number of at-risk teens in both urban and rural areas of the country. Based on best practices and personal experiences from many leaders in the field today, including authors Angela Craig and Chantell L. McDowell, this book shows how libraries and communities can work together to find new ways to serve this population. Packed with accessible and affordable programming ideas, ready-to-use templates, and techniques, this addition to the Teens @ the Library series Demonstrates why serving at-risk teens is important, and offers advice for gaining institutional support for outreach services Shows how to understand the needs of at-risk teens, including a discussion of the factors that place teens at risk Examines diversity within the at-risk population Suggests ways to partner with youth facilities, with real-world examples of working with non-library personnel and caregivers Provides guidance for collection and resource development Gives examples of technology-based programs to promote literacy and connectedness

Adolescent Health

This book covers the developmental and health problems unique to the adolescent period of life. It focuses on special needs and public health programs for adolescents. It offers deep insight into smoking, violence, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and other problems, along with intervention and prevention strategies. "Anyone serious about improving adolescent health should read this book. It spans theoretical and developmental constructs, summaries of evidence-based interventions for adolescent risk behaviors, metrics, and policy recommendations." —S. Jean Emans, MD, chief, Division of Adolescent Medicine, and Robert Masland Jr., chair, Adolescent Medicine, Children's Hospital Boston, and professor of pediatrics, Harvard Medical School "This is the one single text that students can use to study adolescent health. It includes contributions from many of the world's

most accomplished researchers to provide learners with cutting edge information to make the study of adolescence understandable and applicable in practical settings." —Gary L. Hopkins, MD, DrPH, associate research professor and director, Center for Prevention Research, and director, Center for Media Impact Research, Andrews University "This textbook presents an excellent balance in weighing the evidence from the risk and the resilience literature, incorporating research in racially and ethnically diverse populations." —Renée R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP, professor, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University College of Medicine "This is an engaging, thorough, and thought-provoking statement of our knowledge about adolescence. " —Wendy Baldwin, PhD, director, Poverty, Gender, and Youth Program, Population Council

Adolescents at Risk

Seven million youngsters have only limited potential for becoming productive adults because they are at high risk for encountering serious problems at home, in school, or in their communities. This is one of the disturbing findings in this overview of what is known about young people aged 10 to 17 growing up in the US today. This text explores four problem areas that are the subject of a great deal of public interest & social concern: delinquency, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, & school failure. In examining these problem areas, Dryfoos has three objectives: to present a more cogent picture of youngsters who are at risk of problem behaviours & where they fit in society; to synthesize the experience of programs that have been successful in changing various aspects of these behaviours; & to propose strategies for using this knowledge base to implement more effective approaches to helping youngsters succeed.

The Culture of Adolescent Risk-taking

Based on interviews with forty-one teenagers, Lightfoot argues that adolescent risk-taking is necessary in establishing a sense of self and peer group identities

Adolescents and Risk

This work informs parents, teachers, and adolescents about the types of risks adolescents frequently take, why they do so, and what can be done to prevent or intervene in such activities.

What Parents Need to Know about Teen Risk Taking

This booklet is the second in the What Parents Need to Know about Teens series. Written in chatty, down-to-earth language, it addresses the challenges and risks that appear as children move into adolescence. This can be a scary time for teens as well as their parents. Teens will face pressures to use substances and engage in other risky behaviours. Parents will face difficult situations as they balance their teens' need for independence and autonomy while providing the guidance and monitoring teens need at this time. Topics include why adolescence is important, why teens experiment and take risks and when experimenting becomes a problem. The booklet suggests strategies for guiding teens and maintaining good relationships with them as they move through this stage of development.

Youth at Risk

This comprehensive text, written by experts in each topical area, provides research-based approaches designed for work with youth in the difficult transition from adolescence to adulthood. Developmental in its orientation, the text moves from population definition and identification, to causal factors and issues most often identified with placing youth at risk, to a prevention–intervention paradigm specifically created for teens. Illustrative case studies and enlightening sidebars enhance reader self-awareness, promote self-study and skill development, and aid in the comprehension of the concepts and applications of chapter material. Complimentary PowerPoint slides, test banks, and instructional activities are available for instructors' use by request to ACA. *Requests for digital versions from ACA can be found on www.wiley.com *To request print copies, please visit the ACA <https://imis.counseling.org/store/detail> *Reproduction requests for material from books published by ACA should be directed to permissions@counseling.org

Born to Be Wild

A groundbreaking, research-based guide that sheds new light on why young people make dangerous choices--and offers solutions that work Texting while driving. Binge-drinking. Unprotected sex. There are plenty of reasons for parents to worry about getting a late-night call about their teen. But most of the

advice parents and educators hear about teens is outdated and unscientific--and simply doesn't work. Acclaimed adolescent psychiatrist and educator Jess Shatkin brings more than two decades' worth of research and clinical experience to the subject, along with cutting-edge findings from brain science, evolutionary psychology, game theory, and other disciplines -- plus a widely curious mind and the perspective of a concerned dad himself. Using science and stories, fresh analogies, clinical anecdotes, and research-based observations, Shatkin explains: * Why "scared straight," adult logic, and draconian punishment don't work * Why the teen brain is "born to be wild"--shaped by evolution to explore and take risks * The surprising role of brain development, hormones, peer pressure, screen time, and other key factors * What parents and teachers can do--in everyday interactions, teachable moments, and specially chosen activities and outings--to work with teens' need for risk, rewards and social acceptance, not against it. "Presents new research, as well as insights as a clinician and a father.... This book is a clear argument to stop putting ourselves in our children's shoes, and to try putting ourselves in their minds, instead." --The Washington Post "With stories (personal and professional), neuroscience and cognition, psychology and clinical experience Dr. Shatkin offers an abundance of understandable, engaging and actionable information. He explains why and shows how. We can reduce risk in the adolescents we love and teach, but only if we know how to do so and then do it. Born To Be Wild shows us the way to succeed." --Psychology Today Winner, National Parenting Product Award 2017

Risky Business

YA service innovators Linda W. Braun, Hillias J. Martin, and Connie Urquhart explain how to be smart about taking risks without shying away from them.

Reclaiming Youth at Risk

A balance of wisdom drawn from Native American philosophies and Western psychology, this book offers a unique perspective for connecting with troubled students. It challenges educators to see youth at risk through new eyes and offers compelling, concrete alternatives for reclaiming them.

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This text seeks to examine the factors that cause teenage violence, risky sexual behaviour (including risk of AIDS), and alcohol and drug abuse. It also addresses the guidelines that should be followed by those who seek to reduce societal costs resulting from the dysfunctional behaviour of young people

unable to make the transition from adolescence to young adulthood without special assistance and support.

Losing Generations

At least 7 million young Americans—fully one-quarter of adolescents 10 to 17 years old—may be at risk of failing to achieve productive adult lives. They use drugs, engage in unprotected sex, drop out of school, and sometimes commit crimes, effectively closing the door to their own futures. And the costs to society are enormous: school and social services are overwhelmed, and our nation faces the future with a diminished citizenry. This penetrating book argues that the problems of troubled youth cannot be separated from the settings in which those youths live—settings that have deteriorated significantly in the past two decades. A distinguished panel examines what works and what does not in the effort to support and nurture adolescents and offers models for successful programs. This volume presents an eye-opening look at what millions of the nation's youths confront every day of their lives, addressing: How the decline in economic security for young working parents affects their children's life chances. How dramatic changes in household structure and the possibilities of family and community violence threaten adolescents' development. How the decline of neighborhoods robs children of a safe environment. How adolescents' health needs go unmet in the current system. *Losing Generations* turns the spotlight on those institutions youths need—the health care system, schools, the criminal justice, and the child welfare and foster home systems—and how they are functioning. Difficult issues are addressed with study results and insightful analyses: access of poor youths to health insurance coverage, inequities in school funding, how child welfare agencies provide for adolescents in their care, and the high percentage of young black men in the criminal justice system.

Risk Behaviour in Adolescence

Adolescents are generally thought to be healthy. However, adolescent risk behaviours, such as substance use, a poor diet or early sexual activity, are topics that keep generating high academic and media interest. Despite considerable explanatory efforts, not much is known yet about the proximate and distal determinants as well as the psychosocial and health-related consequences of risk behaviour in adolescence. The study is among the first to systematically examine the antecedents and consequences of risk behaviour from a comparative perspective over time and across countries. Matthias Richter presents findings from several empirical studies and extends current theoretical and empirical knowledge on adolescent risk behaviour. This book is valuable reading for academics, practitioners and policy makers in a range of disciplines: sociology, psychology, educational sciences, public health and nursing sciences, with a special focus on adolescent risk behaviour.

New Perspectives on Adolescent Risk Behavior

New ideas on risk behavior among adolescents.

Handbook of Adolescent Health Risk Behavior

Adolescence is a developmental period of accelerating physical, psychological, social! cultural, and cognitive development, often characterized by confronting and surmounting a myriad of challenges and establishing a sense of self-identity and autonomy. It is also, unfortunately, a period fraught with many threats to the health and well-being of adolescents and with substantial consequent impairment and disability. Many of the adverse health consequences experienced by adolescents are, to a large extent, the result of their risk behaviors. Many adolescents today, and perhaps an increasing number in the future, are at risk for death, disease, and other adverse health outcomes that are not primarily biomedical in origin. In general, there has been a marked change in the causes of morbidity and mortality among adolescents. Previously, infectious diseases accounted for a disproportionate share of adolescent morbidity and mortality. At present, however, the overwhelming toll of adolescent morbidity and mortality is the result of lifestyle practices.

At-Risk Children & Youth

What assistance can be provided to disadvantaged youngsters to help them conquer the many challenges they face while growing up? *At-Risk Children & Youth: Resiliency Explored* analyzes the results from accumulated research on the risk and resiliency of children and youth in Ireland. Author Niall McElwee explains many of the challenges faced by children, including poor literacy and

numeracy skills, poverty, distrust, and other difficult issues. Practical strategies are presented to help disadvantaged children and youth to overcome societal and self-imposed barriers for improvement. A detailed review and assessment is provided on the efficacy of Ireland's Youth Encounter Projects. This important resource focuses on what works and what does not in youth services. *At-Risk Children & Youth: Resiliency Explored* closely examines risk factors, and what it specifically means to be 'at-risk'. Going further beyond the standard risk factors usually considered such as drug use or dropping-out of school, this probing text explores the full range of factors and coping and healing mechanisms. The author challenges several of the views and beliefs about risk and resiliency generally held by many in child and youth services and in society. This book is extensively referenced and includes helpful figures tables to clearly present information. Topics in *At-Risk Children & Youth: Resiliency Explored* include: A breakdown of terms for risk behaviors and predictors of risk Issues of social class and social exclusion The impact of school difficulties on students, including truancy and poor academic standing Strategies to build on student strengths The quality of the entirety of the school experience as a determination of success Strategies for intervention A review of literature on risk and resiliency A relational research model, including methodology and ethical issues Description and functions of Youth Encounter Projects—and an assessment of their value Results of risk studies over the past decade Recommended changes in policies *At-Risk Children & Youth: Resiliency Explored* is a valuable addition to the libraries of educators, students, and child and youth service providers everywhere.

Self-Help for At-Risk Teens

Life is messy, but the mess doesn't define you. Keep reading to find out how to turn your life around... *Self-Help for At-Risk Teens* is written from the perspective of someone who has been there. Through his words, the hard lessons he learned from watching his life spiral out of control, and with a no-nonsense approach, you will learn how to overcome the odds and live the life you were always meant to live. Follow my story as I navigate a life that began under unfortunate circumstances and continued down that rocky road until I didn't know who I was or why I did what I did. A stint in a juvenile program didn't help me change my ways. Instead, I found solace in all the wrong places while doing all the wrong things. My story is the story of so many young people in the world. Although the names and places may be different, the poor decision-making skills, negativity, self-hatred, loathing, and everything that followed are universal to those who don't yet know how to channel their pain. Thankfully, after narrowly escaping the worst possible outcome, I found my way out of the hopelessness and despair. In this self-help guide, I share what helped me in the hopes it will help you as you heal and grow. Inside, you'll discover: · What's putting you at risk · How anger affects you · How to adapt to your living situation · The dangers of drugs and alcohol · Self-development strategies · And more! If you're ready to see lasting changes and live the life of your dreams, this book is the perfect tool to help you get there. Scroll up and click "Buy Now" to read it today!

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Reclaiming Youth at Risk

Based on the book by the same title, the Reclaiming Youth at Risk video workshop takes viewers inside two schools and two residential treatment centers that have experienced great success in creating environments that allow young people to transform crisis into opportunity and failure into success.

Adolescent Girls at Risk

Adolescent Girls at Risk focuses on a fieldwork that employed measures and programs designed to help girls in their transformation to adolescence. The book first ponders on the theoretical background and plan of the project, including fieldwork aims and methods, research aims and methods, and at risk factors. The text then examines the girls who are the subjects of the study, as well as the start of fieldwork. The book explores the kind of bond and relationship that developed among the girls, particularly the strategies that social workers have employed in assisting them to recognize and achieve personally satisfying relationship with adults, peers, and authority. The manuscript also takes a look at the termination of the project work and research analysis of the fieldwork. The book is a dependable source of information for social workers and researchers interested in studying the transformation of girls to adolescence.

Adolescent Risk Behavior and Self-Regulation

This book is based on the idea that increasing juvenile risk behaviours – like substance abuse, nonsuicidal self-injury, and antisocial or suicidal behaviour – allow adolescents to fulfill developmental tasks like identity-formation and regulation of self-worth. Narcissistic self-exploitation, mobility tasks, flexibility and the challenges of new media exert social pressure on parental figures, distracting and putting strain on their mental resources, which in turn changes and even destroys the emotional dialogue with their offspring. If children themselves experience neglect and lack of emotional bonding - resulting in a lack of self-regulating capacities – risk behaviours are the consequence. The book combines different views in the psychological, social and metatheoretical domains. It consists of three parts: developmental problems of young people, diagnosis of risk behaviours in the nosological framework, and presentation of new morbidity with an increase in symptom prevalence. The book also discusses the threat of the acceleration of social processes and the risks of postmodern society.

Adolescence, Risk and Resilience

Adolescence is often portrayed as an age of particular risk. Adolescents are not only considered a risk to themselves, but also to the rest of society. As a society, we are nervous of them, and consider them vulnerable, yet the seeds of successful and independent adult life are laid down in adolescence, and they need all the help and support that they can get at a challenging time. Adolescents at Risk: Against the Odds looks in depth at some of the key risks faced by adolescents, and at some of the ways in which they can be alleviated. The book is structured according to the operational challenges the research informs.

The Romance Of Risk

Dr. Lynn Ponton has devoted her clinical practice to a particular community -- teenagers in trouble. Whether these kids are struggling with peers, experimenting with drugs, stealing cars, or having unprotected sex, they have something in common: they are all involved in unhealthy risk-taking. And their parents are scared. "How did my child get involved in this dangerous situation?" they ask. "And what can I do?" Their fears are justified: today's teens have more opportunities for taking dangerous

risks than ever before. But in *The Romance of Risk*, Dr. Ponton refutes the traditional idea that risk-taking is primarily an angry power struggle with parents -- so-called teenage rebellion -- and re-defines it as a potentially positive testing process whereby challenge and risk are the primary tools adolescents use to find out who they are and determine who they will become. This new perspective is revealed in a series of mesmerizing tales about individual adolescents and their families. Among others, we meet Jill, a 13-year-old thrill-seeking runaway; Hannah, a privileged daughter of suburbia who suffers from anorexia; and Joe, a high school senior with a serious drinking problem. Through these stories, we come to understand Dr. Ponton's startling observation that teenagers must confront and experience challenge and risk along the path to self-discovery. For adolescents, the powerful allure of the adult world is equaled only by the fear of failing to find a place in it. Parents can ease that transition into adulthood, however, by promoting healthy risk-taking so that dangerous options will be avoided. In *The Romance of Risk*, parents will learn how they can begin to understand rather than fear adolescent risk-taking, and how to communicate with their children about it. After all, teenagers will always romanticize risk. But with the support and guidance of parents and other adults, odds are the risks they take will be the right ones.

Risks and Opportunities

This report constitutes one of the first activities of the Forum on Adolescence, a cross-cutting activity of the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council of the National Academies. Established under the auspices of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, the forum's overarching mission is to synthesize, analyze, and evaluate scientific research on critical national issues that relate to youth and their families, as well as to disseminate research and its policy and programmatic implications. The goals of the forum are to: (1) review and establish the science base on adolescent health and development and make efforts to foster this development; (2) identify new directions and support for research in this area, approaching research as a resource to be developed cumulatively over time; (3) showcase new research, programs, and policies that have demonstrated promise in improving the health and well-being of adolescents; (4) convene and foster collaborations among individuals who represent diverse viewpoints and backgrounds, with a view to enhancing the quality of leadership in this area; and (5) disseminate research on adolescence and its policy implications to a wide array of audiences, from the scientific community to the lay public.

Reducing Underage Drinking

Alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous - both to themselves and society at large. Underage alcohol use is associated with traffic fatalities, violence, unsafe sex, suicide, educational failure, and other problem behaviors that diminish the prospects of future success, as well as health risks -- and the earlier teens start drinking, the greater the danger. Despite these serious concerns, the media continues to make drinking look attractive to youth, and it remains possible and even easy for teenagers to get access to alcohol. Why is this dangerous behavior so pervasive? What can be done to prevent it? What will work and who is responsible for making sure it happens? *Reducing Underage Drinking* addresses these questions and proposes a new way to combat underage alcohol use. It explores the ways in which may different individuals and groups contribute to the problem and how they can be enlisted to prevent it. *Reducing Underage Drinking* will serve as both a game plan and a call to arms for anyone with an investment in youth health and safety.

Adolescent Risk Taking

With a focus on adolescents, this volume explores such questions as: whether similarities exist between different types of risk taking, such as mountain climbing and criminal behaviour; whether an examination of risk-taking behaviour will shed light on problem behaviours such as unprotected sex; and whether there are positive aspects to adolescent risk taking. With contributions from psychology, sociology, medicine and public policy, the volume uses risk taking as a framework to study many dangerous, and often life-threatening, adolescent behaviours. Following a review of research, topics discussed include theories of risky choice, the use of rational choice theory in predicting heightened risk taking, sociobiological factors

What I Need From You

You want to help them. They don't want to be helped. How on earth are you going to reach those troubled teens? This is the essential guide to reaching troubled teens based on Sam Ross' years of

listening to, researching and working with the most challenging, disengaged young people. Written in the voice of those teens and also in hers, it will change the way you work with young people. This is what our troubled teens need you to read. This is what they need you to hear. This is what they need from you. Read this and change lives. "I've never met any worker who actually cares, you know, who really wants to know and understand me. Sam does, and she she's helped me turn my life around, get it right. She's like magic. I wish all workers were like her." K, age 17 "I particularly like how she writes from the teen's perspective. I regularly recommend her site to schools, youth workers, social workers, school health and loads of parents." Matt Chipchase, Lancashire County Council Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub "She has guided me towards a more empathic way of working. It has encouraged me to make use of the most important resource available to those working with teenagers- the young people themselves." D. Chambers, Homelessness Support Worker (16-25s) Sam Ross, BSc, MSc, MSc, Cert EP (YJ) is a Teen Behavioural Consultant and founder of the popular Teenage Whisperer blog (www.teenagewhisperer.co.uk). She is passionate about connecting with and helping the most challenging, disengaged and troubled teens to turn their lives around. She works in both educational and criminal justice settings, both with young people and their parents or carers. Really understanding teens is the beginning, middle and end of her work and she helps professionals and parents achieve this through her website, books and public speaking engagements.

Reducing the Risk

Reducing the risk is a book designed to help youth use their influence in a positive way to reduce juvenile delinquency, teenage pregnancy and reduce the highschool dropout rate. The book promotes positive youth development

Teaching the At-risk Teenage Brain

While all teenage behavior and character traits can be challenging, the issues facing the at-risk teenager are particularly thorny and deserve special attention. Anger, aggression, and a total lack of good decision-making happen on a minute-to-minute basis, as teachers patiently try to guide these young adults. Unlocking the key to keeping them in school and facilitating proficiency in reading, writing, and math is not for the weak of heart. A strong constitution, compassionate spirit, and solid knowledge base make the difference in this meaningful work. Neuroscientists now have the technology to make amazing and startling discoveries about this unexplored territory. Combining their work with the work of psychologists and educationists is creating a new and exciting landscape for educators. In Teaching the At-Risk Teenage Brain Sheryl Feinstein provides research in a reader-friendly way to help teachers and administrators better understand the at-risk student. Feinstein also includes numerous brain-compatible instructional strategies and classroom management techniques, all intended to teach, support, and guide at-risk teenage students.

Teen Suicide

The rate of teens who struggle with suicidal ideation is increasing. Teen Suicide explores risk factors for teens of varying backgrounds and how to identify warning signs for someone who is suicidal. It addresses mental health, stigma in society, and the efforts to provide preventive measures and raise awareness for teen mental health.