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**News and Updates from the Comprehensive Opioid,
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There has been an alarming growth in fatal overdoses among adolescents over the past three years (since 2020, the death rate is more than double any year in the prior decade); this issue includes four resources on adolescent substance misuse. First, a report on marijuana use and associated mental health concerns ([Cannabis use disorder, suicide attempts, and self-harm among adolescents: A national inpatient study across the United States](#)). A second article addresses treatment for adolescents ([Fentanyl addiction treatment for kids and teenagers lags far behind demand](#)). A third describes a public-school prevention program ([ORN and the Oregon Public Health Dept. partner with schools to deliver prevention programming](#)). And a recent review of three themes in research: risks that may predispose adolescents to substance use, effects of drug exposure on adolescent brain physiology and behavior, and pre-clinical research on cause and effect in risk ([Consequences of adolescent drug use](#)).

At this time of year, we reflect on how grateful we are for our resilient and compassionate partners, dedicated to improving the lives of people living with substance use disorders; our collaborators on the frontlines working to assist; and our colleagues researching approaches for responding to SUD. Thank you for all that you do, and we hope that you will have some time over the holidays for a well-deserved break to recharge. Happy Thanksgiving!

—The NYU COSSUP Collaborative Team

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