

# Journal of Family Communication

## Call for Papers

**SPECIAL ISSUE:** A Family Communication Perspective on Substance Use Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Coping

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Substance use and substance use disorders (i.e., dependence on or abuse of alcohol or other substances) pose substantial challenges to people's mental, physical, relational, and economic well-being. Demonstrating the pervasiveness of substance use disorders, data from a 2013 national survey revealed that approximately 1.3 million adolescents aged 12-17 (5.2% of adolescents) and 20.3 million adults aged 18 or older (8.5% of adults) had a substance use disorder in the past year, with few of them receiving treatment.<sup>1</sup> Different psychological, environmental, economic, and biological factors may affect the development and management of substance use disorders; however, family communication may play a unique role in substance use prevention, intervention, treatment, and coping.

For this special issue, we invite submissions that place family communication at the center of understanding substance use prevention, intervention, treatment, and coping. Extensive research has been conducted on substance use and substance use disorders outside of communication (e.g., psychology or human and family development), but family communication scholars can offer unique and important contributions to the literature. Thus, submissions may focus on, *but are not limited to*, the ways in which family communication can help: (a) prevent substance use disorders, (b) intervene in a substance use disorder, (c) treat a substance use disorder, and (d) facilitate coping with a substance use disorder. Submissions also may consider the ways in which substance use disorders affect family communication and relationships. We encourage submissions that advance our understanding of family communication and substance use incorporating a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches. Consistent with the scope of the *Journal of Family Communication*, submissions may involve different types of families (e.g., adopted, blended, intercultural, step families, and families headed by same sex parents), relationships (e.g., siblings, intergenerational, extended), cultures (e.g., ethnic and religious backgrounds), and developmental periods (e.g., childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, midlife, older adulthood). For this special issue, substance use includes alcohol, tobacco/nicotine, e-cigarettes, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and prescription drugs, among others.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Submissions should follow APA Style, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition and the complete guidelines for preparing and submitting manuscripts outlined on the *Journal of Family Communication's* website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/hjfc20/current>. In the submission letter, please indicate that the submission should be considered for this special issue. In the title of the manuscript, please specify, "(Special Issue: FCDU)". Papers will undergo blind peer review.

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<sup>1</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. (September 4, 2014). The NSDUH Report: Substance Use and Mental Health Estimates from the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Overview of Findings. Rockville, MD