Substance abuse in rural and small town America

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Abstract
Alcohol abuse exceeds illicit drug abuse in rural America and is a serious problem among rural youth, as highlighted here. The report also confirms that the abuse of stimulants, including methamphetamine, is high among certain rural populations, particularly among the rural unemployed.

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Substance Abuse in Indiana: An Urban-Rural Perspective. Introduction. The use of alcohol and drugs is a significant public health problem in the United States. o Expand substance abuse treatment services, especially in rural and rural/mixed areas. o Increase availability of medication-assisted treatment, especially in rural/mixed areas. o Increase distribution and use of naloxone, especially in rural and rural/mixed areas. America has experienced significant economic hardships, job loss, out- more) to completely rural (county population of less than 2,500). migration of young adults, a breakdown of traditional familial and. While the RUCC codes are helpful in highlighting fine-grained distinct Much of rural America has been inundated with prescription drug abuse for decades. Although this issue continues to plague society, many overdose deaths are now occurring because of polydrug abuse, of which heroin is a major contributor. I have always lived in rural America, even when working in a city. I prefer rural areas because of their friendly folks with core values and the landscape—open fields, woods, and livestock, mainly beef cattle! Since April 2016, I’ve had a part-time job commanding the Brown County, Ohio, drug and major crimes taskforce, which needed to be reenergized and expanded. I live just 15 minutes away and was eager to assist. For the past 2 years, Brown County (population: 45,000) has led Ohio in unintentional overdose deaths per capita. Small town life can often be riddled with the abuse of prescription painkillers. When you think about the drug trade in America’s big cities, it seems like it might be easier for teenagers to abuse drugs like prescription painkillers. With the massive amount of drugs flowing in and out of large cities, there’s certainly no shortage in the supply. Thousands of drug dealers set up shop, doling out pills on street corners, in abandoned houses and everywhere in between. Despite the odds, however, new research shows American teens living in small towns and rural areas are more likely to abuse prescription