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Risk factors and causes associated with substance abuse

There are various risk factors that lead to initiation of adolescent drug/substance abuse

- **Modeling** : Parental modeling has a significant impact on adolescent's attitude towards drug/substance abuse.
- **Family functioning** : Children who report a lack of closeness, support and affection from their parents are more likely to use drugs. Children abuse substances as an escape route instead of facing problem head on.

Therefore, a positive, loving bond between parents and child is linked to use the likelihood of the child drug abuse.

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