Preliminary Substance Use Findings

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The ABCD Study is the largest long-term study of brain development and child health in the United States.





ABCD Study

TIMELINE OF EVENTS







LEGEND















Research Objectives

- Describe individual developmental trajectories (e.g., brain, cognitive, emotional, academic), and the factors that can affect them.
- Develop national standards of healthy brain development.
- Investigate the roles and interaction of genes and the environment on development.
- Study how physical activity, sleep, screen time, sports injuries, and other experiences affect brain development.
- Examine the factors that influence the onset, course, and severity of psychological disorders.
- Understand the relationship between mental health and substance use.
- Study how use of different substances (caffeine, nicotine, alcohol, cannabis)
 affects developmental outcomes, and vice versa.





11,875

Families (parent and one guardian), recruited over 2 years.

98.4% retention at 5-year mark.



ABCD Youth Protocol Summary: Baseline

Physical Health

PhenX Anthropometrics (height/weight/waist measurements)

Snellen Vision Screener

Edinburgh Handedness Inventory

Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Exercise

Pubertal Development Scale

Menstrual Cycle Survey (pubescent girls)

Screen Time Survey

Brain Imaging

Structural MRI

- 3D T1 Weighted
- 3D T2 Weighted
- Diffusion Tensor Imaging

Functional MRI (fMRI)

- Resting State
- Monetary Incentive Delay Task
- Stop Signal Task
- Emotional N-Back Task

Biospecimens

Breathalyzer and Oral Fluids (subset)

Saliva Samples for DNA, Puberty

Blood Samples (subset)

Hair Sample

Baby Teeth

Mental Health

Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia

- Background Items Survey
- Diagnostic Interview for DSM-5 (5 modules)

PhenX UPPS-P for Children Survey

PhenX Behavioral Inhibition/ Behavioral Approach System (BIS/BAS) Scales

Prodromal Psychosis Scale

Youth Resilience Scale

Neurocognition

NIH Toolbox Tasks:

- Picture Vocabulary
- Flanker Inhibitory Control & Attention
- List Sorting Working Memory
- Dimensional Change Card Sort
- Pattern Comparison Processing Speed
- Picture Sequence Memory
- Oral Reading Recognition

Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Task

Cash Choice Task

Little Man Task

Matrix Reasoning Task

RAVLT Delayed Recall

Culture & Environment

Prosocial Tendencies Survey

PhenX Acculturation Survey

Parental Monitoring Survey

Acceptance Subscale from Children's Report of Parental Behavior Inventory (CRPBI) - Short

PhenX Family Environment Scale - Family Conflict

PhenX Neighborhood Safety/ Crime Survey

PhenX School Risk & Protective Factors Survey

Substance Use

For most participants*:

Timeline Follow-Back Survey

PhenX Peer Group Deviance Survey

PATH Intention to Use Tobacco
Survey

Caffeine Intake Survey

Participant Last Use Survey (PLUS) for substance use within the last 24 hrs

Other Data Sources

Geocoding from Residential History

School Records

FitBit® (subset)

Brief Problem Monitor -Teacher Form



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ABCD Parent Protocol Summary: Baseline

Physical Health

PhenX Demographics Survey

Medical History Questionnaire

Developmental History

Questionnaire

PhenX Medications Survey

Menstrual Cycle Survey

Sleep Disturbances Scale for Children

Sports and Activities Involvement
Questionnaire

Screen Time Survey

Ohio State TBI Screen - Short

Mental Health

Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia

- Background Items Survey
- Diagnostic Interview for DSM-5

Child Behavior Checklist

General Behavior Inventory - Mania

Adult Self Report Survey

Family History Assessment Survey

Substance Use

Parent Rules Survey

PhenX Community Risk and Protective Factors

Participant Last Use Survey (PLUS) for substance use within the last 24 hrs.

Culture & Environment

Vancouver Index of Acculturation -Short Survey

Multi-Group Ethnic Identity Measure-R Survey

Prosocial Tendencies Survey

Mexican American Cultural Values
Scale

PhenX Acculturation Survey

PhenX Family Environment Scale - Family Conflict

PhenX Neighborhood Safety/ Crime Survey

Native American Acculturation Scale



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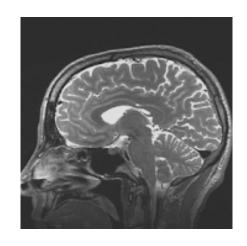
Additional Measures

- Year 2: Fitbit (sleep, physical activity)
- Year 3: EARS app (screentime)

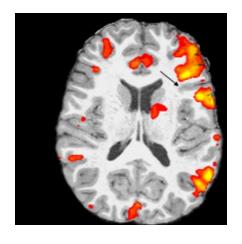


Neuroimaging

2 hour scans every other year (BL, Y2, Y4...)

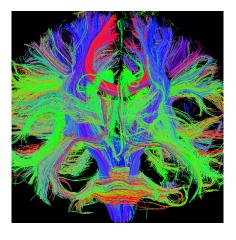


Structural MRI



Functional MRI

Resting State fMRI
20 minutes
Task Based fMRI
Stop-Signal Task
Emotional N-Back
Monetary Incentive Delay



Diffusion Tensor Imaging



Substance Use - Have You Heard of:

- Alcohol
- Tobacco products (e.g., cigarettes, smokeless, hookah, e-cigs)
- Marijuana (including dabs, drinks, food)
- Fake or synthetic marijuana
- Bittamugen or byphoditin
- Caffeine (e.g., coffee, tea, energy drinks)
- Sniffing liquids, sprays, or other products to get high
- Taking pills or medications to get high
- Have you heard of people using anything else to get high such as cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy, etc.
- What other drugs have you heard of?



Have you ever used... For each drug endorsed...

- Age of onset for each type
- Have you begun using regularly (at least once a week for 6 months)?
- Lifetime quantity
- Largest quantity in one sitting
- When is the last time used (showing calendar for guidance)?



Substance Use Follow-up Questions

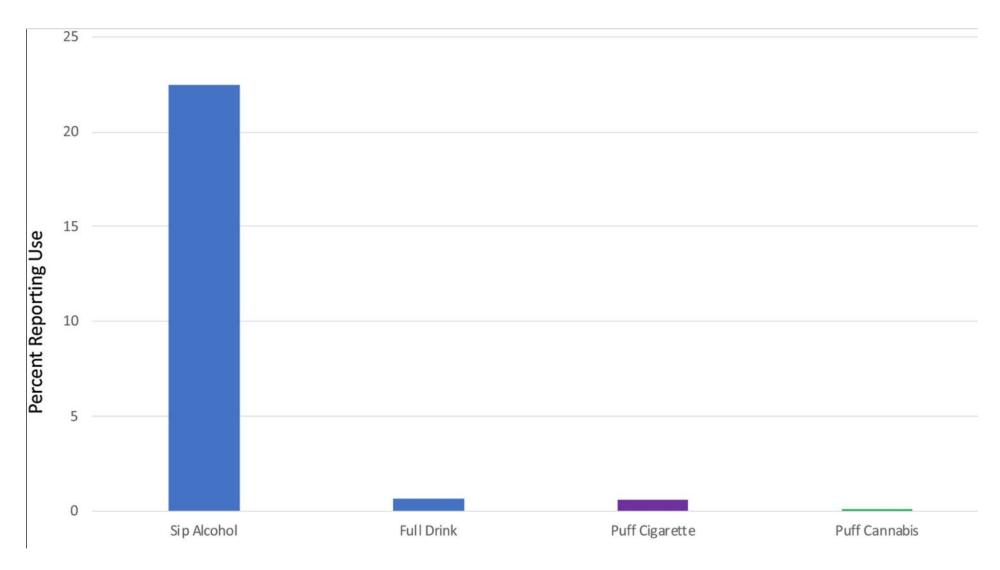
- Friend use
- Curiosity about trying (insert drug)
- Acute subjective responses
- Problematic levels of use
- Cannabis: details of THC/CBD, strain, method of use, etc.



Scientific Highlights

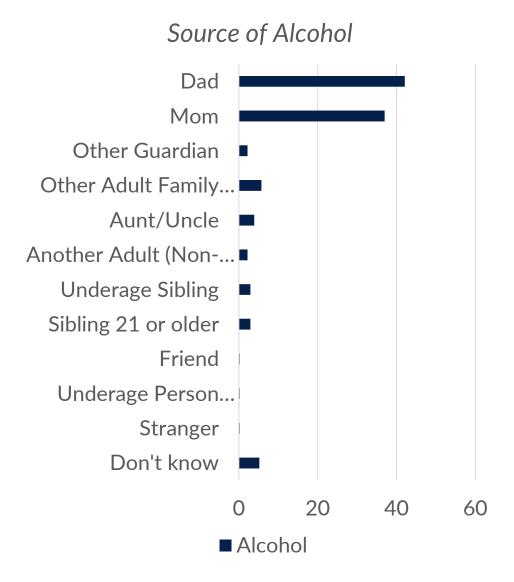


Baseline Substance Use



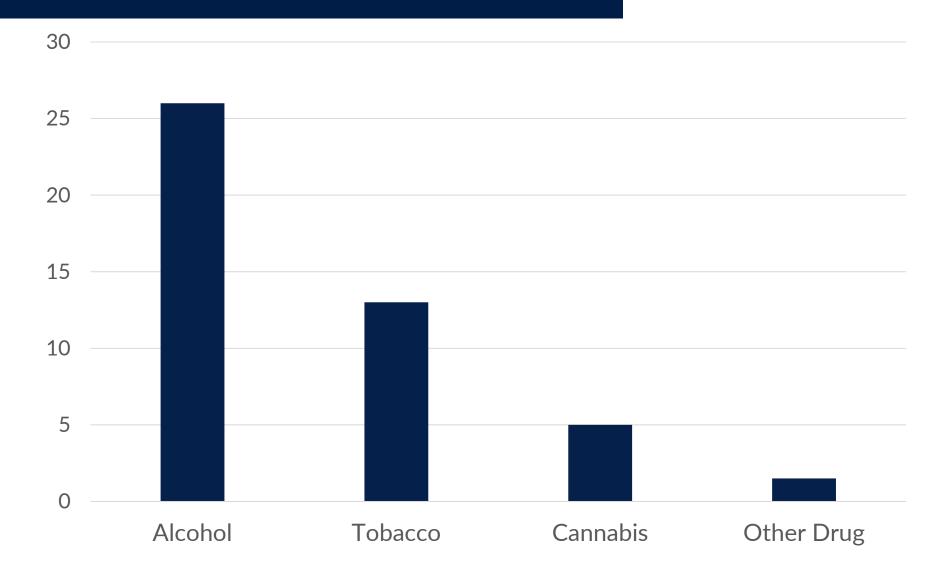


Baseline Substance Use





Prenatal Substance Exposure

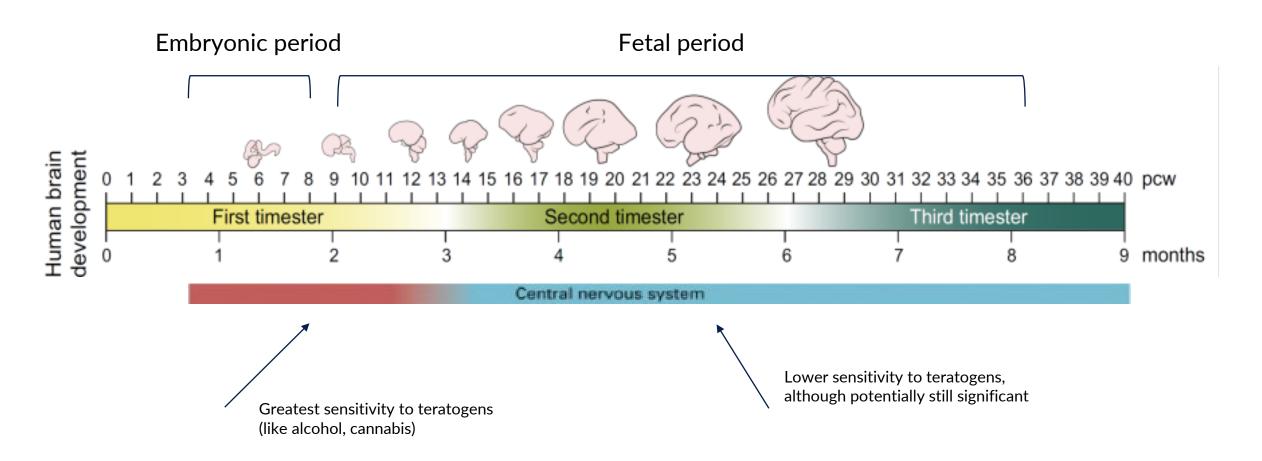




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Prenatal Brain Development

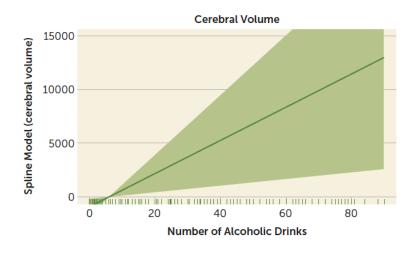




Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

- Few examinations of moderate drinking effects on prenatal brain development
- ABCD: 26% were exposed to alcohol prenatally
- Dose-dependent relationships: The more alcohol consumed when pregnant, the greater the differences in a child's brain structure.
- Aberrant development contributed to emotional and behavioral problems

Alcohol use	Risk factor for:
1-2 drinks during any week in pregnancy	 Anxiety, depression Attention problems High impulsivity Early alcohol experimentation
3+ drinks/occasion	In addition to the above:Attention deficit hyperactivity disorderOppositional defiant disorder





Prenatal Cannabis Exposure

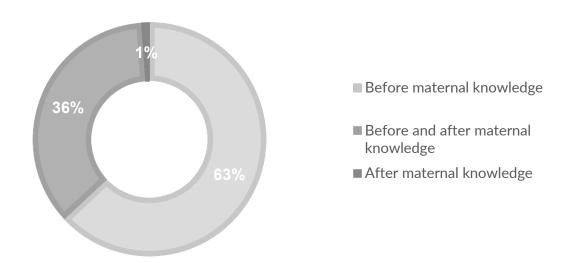
- Past month cannabis use among pregnant women: 7% with increases over the past decade.
- Prenatal cannabis exposure has been associated with decreased birth weight, impaired cognitive performance, and psychopathology.
- Limited cross-study replication and inability to account for potential confounders has left these associations tenuous.

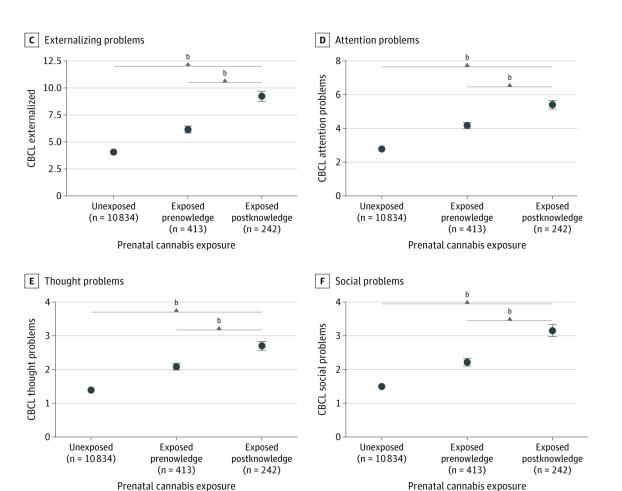


Prenatal exposure after maternal knowledge associated with externalizing, attention, thought, and social problems.

655 prenatally exposed cannabis

CANNABIS EXPOSURE BY MATERNAL KNOWLEDGE OF PREGNANCY







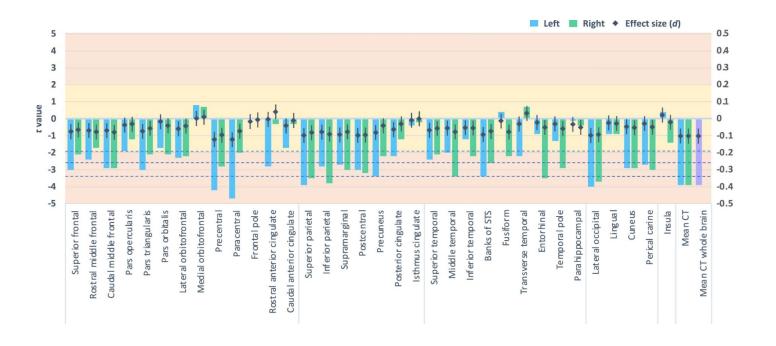
Impact of Family History of Substance Use on Substance Naïve Youth

- Family history of substance use disorder (SUD) is a major risk factor for adolescent substance use.
- Heritability estimates of SUDs range from 30% to 60%, and a shared environment with an individual with SUD explains an additional 10% of the risk.
- Neurobiological, cognitive risk indicators, and heightened psychopathology may all increase vulnerability to onset of SUDs.
- An obstacle to interpreting neuroimaging data in addiction is the relative lack of data from youth who have not initiated drug use.



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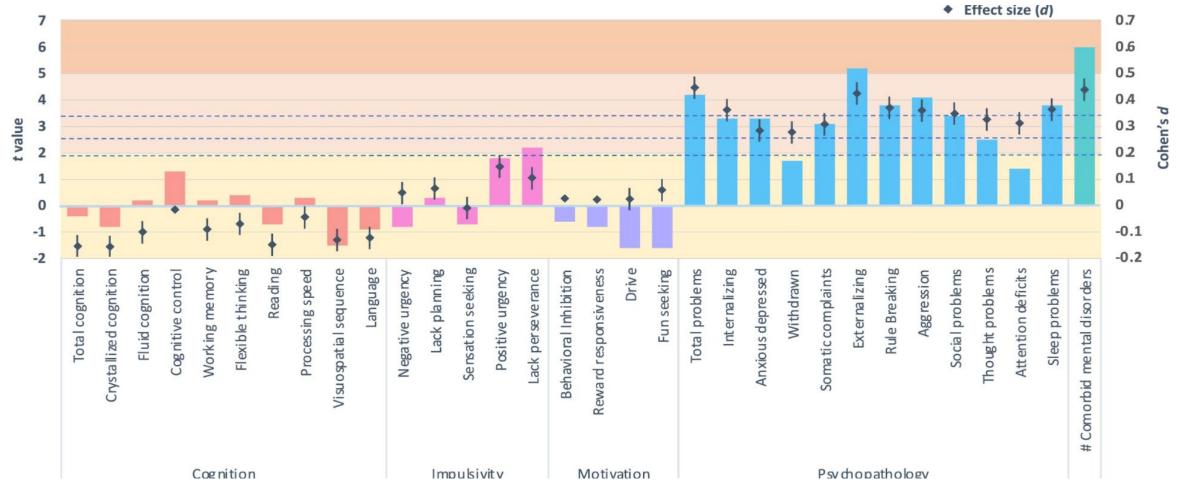
- ABCD: 41% had at least one biological parent or grandparent with a history of alcohol or substance use related problems.
- Youth with family history (FHP)
 exhibited lower cortical
 thickness of whole brain and
 nine specific areas than youth
 with no family history (FHN).



Covariates: age, sex, race/ethnicity, parent education, household income, marital status, **prenatal alcohol exposure**, **prenatal substance exposure**, **family history of psychopathology**



Impact of Family History of Substance Use on Substance Naïve Youth Cognition and Psychopathology





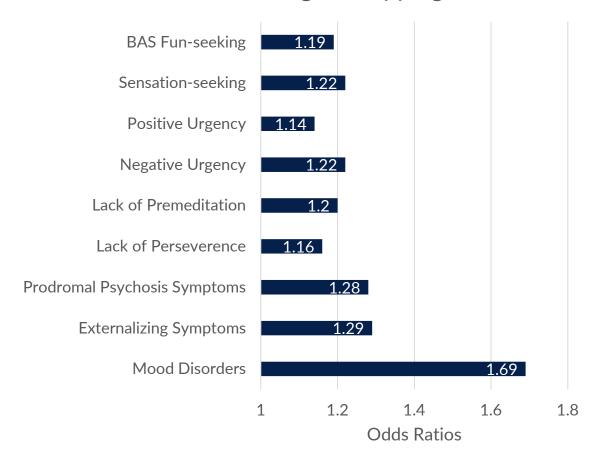
Alcohol Sipping

- Early alcohol initiation is predictive of subsequent alcohol problems.
- Risk for alcohol and psychosocial problems is more pronounced among those who initiate alcohol earlier.



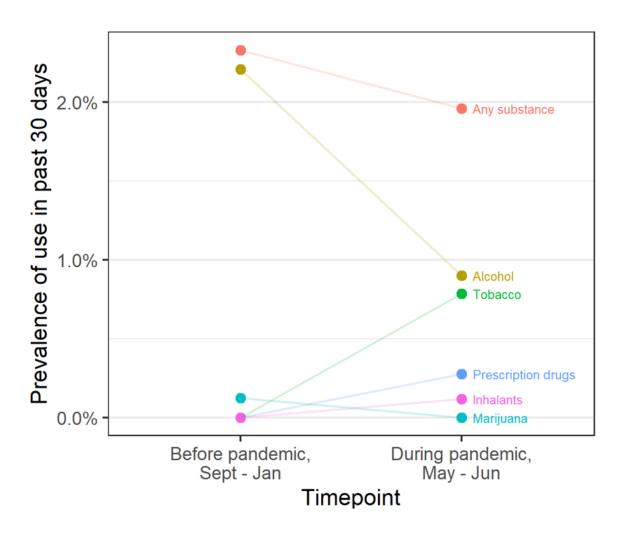
Psychopathology and Personality Indicators Associated with Slightly Higher Frequency of Alcohol Sipping

Psychopathology and personality and Non-religious Sipping





Assessing Impact of COVID-19





Caveats

- Low prevalence rates at baseline
- Retrospective (i.e., prenatal studies)
- Most studies to date are looking at associations at a single point in time
- Small effect sizes
- Limitations



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Longitudinal nature of ABCD will allow greater exploration of these and other findings.

































































