

Peer Review

Review of: "Exploring Emerging Adulthood and Adverse Childhood Experiences' Effects on Psychosocial Well-Being"

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I thought this was a great article. The topic, examining ACEs among emerging adults, was really interesting, something I haven't seen much of, and important for medical and psychological professionals. I especially appreciated that you got feedback from participants; that is really important, especially when talking about a somewhat more sensitive topic.

A few comments... I thought the transition from emerging adulthood to ACEs in the introduction was a little abrupt and could have flowed better or been organized differently. Possibly sub-headings could help organize your background on emerging adulthood first, then ACEs, and then connecting the two.

Were the participants identified through a university counseling center? I would make that more clear if so.

In the discussion, I would add more emphasis on why understanding and assessing for ACEs is important in care for emerging adults in clinical and community spaces. What recommendations would you have for providers, professors, and mental health providers working with these individuals? I think encouraging people to screen for ACEs and to learn more about ACEs themselves would help improve care.

Declarations

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