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## **Editorial Review**

### **From the Back Cover**

Substance abusers affect everyone they come into contact with, and state and federal policies regarding substance control seem to change constantly. This book takes a comprehensive look at substance abuse from a systems perspective, which makes it particularly appropriate for social workers who are accustomed to a "person-in-environment" perspective. This book covers all the major theories of addiction, as well as the major psychological and physiological results of substance abuse, including fetal alcohol syndrome. Social workers, therapists, drug and alcohol counselors.

### **About the Author**

**C. Aaron McNeece** was a social work educator for 34 years, after working as a correctional social worker. He has conducted extensive research on both substance abuse and criminal justice issues. He served for 10 years as the director of the Institute for Health and Human Services Research at Florida State University, where he was also the Walter W. Hudson Professor of Social Work and later, Dean of the College of Social Work. He is currently Professor and Dean Emeritus.

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