

# Prevalence, Comorbidity, and Psychosocial Correlates of Psychopathology and Substance Use Disorders Among Homeless Transitional Age Youth: Preliminary Findings

## Background

- Homelessness among transitional age youth (TAY) is a widespread and under-studied phenomenon linked with psychopathology and SUD.
- An updated, rigorous description of the prevalence and comorbidity of psychopathology and SUD in this population will point to trans-diagnostic targets for tailored intervention.

## Methods

- Cross-sectional convenience sample of 76 homeless TAY seeking services at a youth homeless service agency, Bridge Over Troubled Waters
- Collecting psychosocial data and Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI-ADHD)

## Demographics (n=76)

	N (%)		N (%)
Age, m (SD)	21 (2)	Black	47 (62)
Male	43 (57)	Latinx	19 (25)
Female	32 (42)	White	14 (18)
Non-binary	1 (1)	HS Grad	46 (61)

## Conclusions

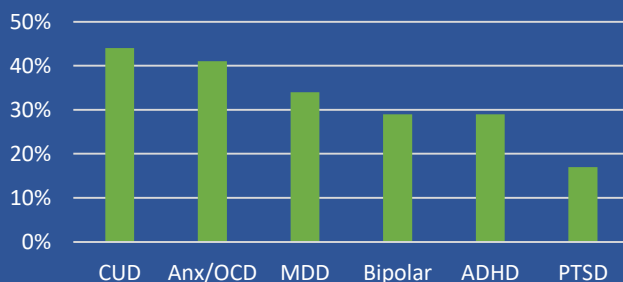
- Further research is needed to evaluate trans-diagnostic risk factors related to anxiety, affective illness, and CUD in this marginalized population

## Funding

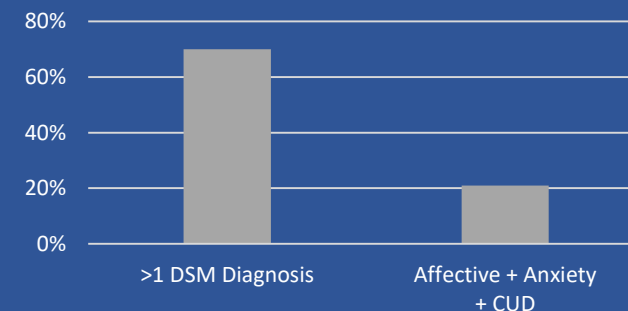
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These preliminary data show **markedly elevated prevalence and comorbidity of affective disorders, anxiety disorders, traumatic exposure, and cannabis use disorder (CUD) among a sample of homeless TAY.**

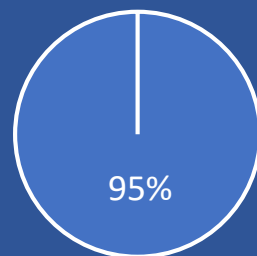
DSM 5 Diagnoses (n=76)



DSM 5 Comorbidity



≥1 Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE)



Average ACEs: 4.4 (out of 8)



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