

Late-Adolescents' Perceptions of the Affects of Alcohol Use on Level of Functioning
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Late adolescence is a developmental transition period in which social/cultural factors, interpersonal factors and psycho-behavioral factors may lead to the establishment and continuity of problematic alcohol use behavior from late adolescence to early adulthood. The longitudinal research suggests that problematic alcohol use during late adolescence has a negative impact on an adolescent's level of functioning and potentially later functioning in adulthood. However, the research is limited, in part due to a limited understanding of how an adolescent's alcohol use affects their level of functioning. The purpose of this study was to improve our understanding of the affect of alcohol use on late adolescent functioning across a range of behavioral domains. Ten adolescents completed an hour long individual interview. The interview asked participants to describe how alcohol affects level of functioning Interviews were recorded, transcribed and analyzed for emergent themes. Results and their implications for measure development will be discussed.