
The Relationship between Family Dynamics, Social Support and Substance Abuse on the development of Codependency in Young Adults

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Abstract

This study examines the relationship between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and their collective on codependency, mental health, and personal growth in young adults. A sample of 150 participants provided valuable insights through quantitative measures. The results revealed a significant positive correlation between family dynamics and codependency, indicating that individuals exposed to more complex family dynamics are prone to heightened codependent behaviors ($p < 0.05$), Conversely, a negative correlation is observed between social support and codependency, emphasizing the protective role of strong social networks against codependency development. The study also uncovers a positive correlation between substance abuse and codependency, underscoring the interconnected challenges faced by individuals grappling with both issues. Moreover, for analysis using the SPSS 26.0 version crucial. The Research contribute to a broader discourse on mental health and personal growth, providing a foundation for more targeted interventions and support systems for young adults navigating the complexities of codependency.

Introduction

Background of the study

Codependency is a term that originated in the realm of addiction therapy but has since evolved into a broader concept encompassing dysfunctional patterns of behavior and relationships. It is often associated with an unhealthy reliance on others for emotional stability, self-worth, and identity. Codependent individuals typically find themselves entangled in relationships characterized by enabling, caretaking, and a pervasive fear of abandonment, often to their own detriment. codependency can affect individuals of all ages, this study focuses on young adults, a critical stage of life marked by significant emotional and psychological development. Understanding the emergence and prevalence of codependency in this age group is essential because it can have long-lasting effects on their well-being and future relationships. (Wilson & Peterson, 2008). Codependency is a multifaceted concept characterized by an excessive reliance on others for emotional validation and self-worth, often at the expense of one's own needs and desires. It manifests in various forms, such as enabling behaviors, control issues, and a pervasive fear of abandonment. This phenomenon is not only a matter of individual psychology but is deeply interwoven with the broader social and familial contexts in which it

arises. The young adults who have grown up in families marked by addiction, mental health issues, or dysfunctional relationships may internalize codependent patterns as a means of coping with the chaos and instability they have experienced (Diotaiuti et al., 2022). Codependency often begins to take root during childhood and adolescence, but its full expression may become more apparent in young adulthood. During these formative years, individuals are seeking to establish their identities and navigate complex social relationships. The development of codependent tendencies in young adults can be influenced by various factors, including family dynamics, early life experiences, and the presence of addiction or dysfunctional behavior within their family of origin. Codependency in young adults can manifest in a variety of ways, often affecting their interpersonal dynamics, emotional well-being, and decision-making processes ("Stroke in Young Adults," 2008). Young adults with codependent tendencies may place an excessive emphasis on the approval and validation they receive from their romantic partners, friends, or family members. They may derive their sense of self-worth primarily from these relationships, leading to an unhealthy dependency on external validation. Codependent young adults struggle to establish and maintain healthy boundaries in their relationships. They may have a heightened fear of rejection or abandonment, which makes it challenging for them to say "no" or assert their own needs and preferences ("Stroke in Young Adults," 2008). Young adults with codependent traits may engage in enabling behaviors, such as excusing or covering up a partner's or family member's destructive actions. They may believe that by doing so, they can maintain the relationship and protect their loved ones from consequences, even when it is detrimental to their own well-being. Codependent young adults often experience a significant fear of independence and autonomy. They may feel anxious or uncertain about taking steps towards self-sufficiency, as it threatens the security of the codependent relationships they rely on (Guarrera-Bowlby, 2000). Codependency can have far-reaching consequences for young adults across various aspects of their lives. Young adults with codependency may experience elevated levels of anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem due to their preoccupation with seeking external validation and their difficulty in establishing healthy boundaries. Codependency can hinder young adults' personal development and hinder their pursuit of education, career goals, and self-discovery. The constant focus on the needs of others may limit their ability to explore their own passions and interests (Ruef & Patterson, 2009).

Codependency often leads to a pattern of entering and exiting unhealthy relationships, perpetuating a cycle of codependent behavior. This can result in a sense of frustration and hopelessness as individuals find themselves repeating the same relational patterns. Young adults with codependency may become increasingly isolated from friends and family members who are concerned about their well-being. This isolation can further exacerbate their reliance on codependent relationships. The family environment during childhood and adolescence plays a pivotal role in the development of codependency in young adults. Growing up in a household where a parent or caregiver exhibits codependent behaviors, addiction, or mental health issues can create a blueprint for codependency. Young adults may internalize these patterns, believing that prioritizing the needs of others and sacrificing their own is a normative way of relating (Mohamed et al., 2012). Traumatic or adverse childhood experiences, such as neglect, abuse, or abandonment, can contribute to the development of codependency. Young adults who have faced such challenges may develop codependent tendencies as a way to seek safety and security in relationships. The absence of healthy role models in early life can limit young adults' exposure to healthy relationship dynamics. Without positive examples of self-sufficiency and boundary-setting, they may struggle to develop these skills themselves, perpetuating codependency. Young adults with codependent tendencies often struggle with low self-esteem. They may derive their self-worth primarily from external sources, making them highly sensitive to criticism and rejection (Miller & Miller, 2009). Family dynamics serve as a fundamental building block in the development of codependency among young adults.

Dysfunctional family dynamics, such as those marked by addiction, abuse, neglect, or enabling behaviors, can create an environment where codependency is more likely to emerge, a young adult growing up in a household where a parent struggles with substance abuse may learn to prioritize that parent's needs, ignore their own, and engage in caretaking behaviors. This sets the stage for codependent tendencies in future relationships, as the young adult has internalized these patterns of behavior from their family of origin (Allison, 2004). Family dynamics influence the emotional climate within the household. A family marked by emotional volatility, instability, or a lack of healthy communication can contribute to codependency as young adults may seek to restore equilibrium by excessively relying on relationships outside the family unit. Family dynamics represent a foundational component in understanding codependency in young adults. These dynamics encompass the ways in which family members interact, communicate, and influence one another within the family unit. In the context of codependency (Martsof, 2002). Family dynamics often involve role modeling, where young adults observe and learn from the behaviors of their parents or primary caregivers. If a parent or caregiver exhibits codependent behaviors, such as prioritizing the needs of others to an excessive degree, neglecting their own well-being, or enabling dysfunctional behaviors, the young adult may internalize these patterns as normal or even admirable. Families struggling with addiction, substance abuse, or other forms of dysfunction can create an environment ripe for codependency to develop. Young adults growing up in such families may become codependent as a way to cope with the chaos, unpredictability, and emotional instability within the household. They may take on the role of a caregiver or enabler, attempting to maintain a semblance of control or harmony (“Suicide and Suicide Attempts in Adolescents and Young Adults,” 1988).

Family dynamics also play a crucial role in determining the balance between enmeshment and autonomy within the family. Enmeshment occurs when boundaries between family members are blurred or nonexistent, leading to an unhealthy level of emotional dependence. In contrast, healthy family dynamics encourage individual autonomy while providing emotional support. Young adults raised in enmeshed families may find it challenging to establish healthy boundaries in their subsequent relationships, contributing to codependent tendencies. Traumatic experiences within the family, such as physical or emotional abuse, neglect, or the loss of a parent, can leave lasting scars and contribute to codependency. Young adults who have experienced such traumas may develop codependent behaviors as a way to seek safety and stability in their relationships, even if those relationships are dysfunctional (Farrelly, 2013). The presence or absence of social support networks is a critical factor in mitigating or exacerbating codependency in young adults. Social support provides individuals with alternative sources of validation and self-esteem, which can reduce their reliance on codependent relationships. When young adults have friends, peers, mentors, or support groups that offer emotional support and validation, they are less likely to become overly dependent on a single relationship for their emotional well-being. Dearth of social support can increase the risk of codependency. Young adults lacking a supportive network may feel isolated and turn to codependent relationships as their primary source of emotional validation. This underscores the significance of fostering healthy social connections to counterbalance codependent tendencies (ShinHyunkyun, 2009). Social support networks provide individuals with emotional validation and affirmation. This validation is essential for bolstering one's self-esteem and sense of self-worth. Young adults who receive consistent emotional support from their social connections are less likely to seek excessive validation from codependent relationships. Social support networks often include individuals who model healthy, independent, and boundary-setting behavior. These role models can serve as examples for young adults, helping them learn how to establish and maintain balanced relationships. By observing healthy relationship dynamics, young adults can develop healthier patterns of interaction (Costanzo & Woody, 2005). Social support networks can provide young adults with alternative coping mechanisms

for stress, anxiety, and emotional challenges. Healthy coping strategies, such as talking to a friend, engaging in hobbies, or seeking professional help, can help young adults manage their emotions and reduce the reliance on codependent relationships as a means of escape or distraction. Young adults have access to diverse sources of emotional validation and support, they are less likely to rely solely on one person or relationship for their self-esteem and identity. This can reduce the risk of codependency, as they are not overly dependent on a single relationship for emotional well-being (Keidan, 2008).

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The utilization of evidence-based family approaches has demonstrated superiority over individual or group-based treatments (Berkeljon, & Shandish, 2012). The development of codependency in young adults is a critical aspect of this study. It is a phenomenon that often begins in childhood but may become more pronounced and apparent in the formative years of young adulthood. Family dynamics play a pivotal role in this development, as young adults growing up in families marked by addiction, abuse, neglect, or enabling behaviors are more likely to adopt codependent tendencies as a means of coping with the chaos and emotional instability within their families (Baldwin, Christian 2007). Codependency can manifest in young adults in a variety of ways. These manifestations often include an overemphasis on relationship validation, difficulty setting healthy boundaries, engaging in enabling behaviors, and a pervasive fear of independence. Understanding these manifestations is crucial for identifying codependency in young adults and providing appropriate support and intervention. Codependency has far-reaching consequences for young adults, impacting their mental health, personal growth, and relational dynamics. It often leads to low self-esteem, stifled personal growth, repetitive dysfunctional relationships, and social isolation. Additionally, there is a heightened risk of substance abuse, as young adults may turn to drugs or alcohol as a coping mechanism to deal with the emotional turmoil associated with codependency (McCarthy-Latimer & Kendrick, Jr., 2016). Social support is a pivotal factor in mitigating codependency in young adults. Healthy social support networks can provide emotional validation, role models for healthy relationships, alternative sources of validation, coping mechanisms, and encouragement of independence. These networks act as a safeguard against the development and perpetuation of codependency, promoting healthier, more balanced relationships. Dysfunctional family dynamics often contribute to codependency development, while social support networks play a crucial role in mitigating it. Substance abuse is intimately linked to codependency, with individuals often using substances as a coping mechanism within codependent relationships (Hung, 2022). It has explored how family dynamics, social support, and substance abuse influence the development and manifestations of codependency and the significant consequences it holds for young adults. By gaining a deeper understanding of these complex relationships, professionals and support networks can work towards the prevention, intervention, and support of young adults navigating the challenges associated with codependency, ultimately promoting healthier and more fulfilling lives (Segura et al., 2001). The consequences of codependency in young adults are profound. Low self-esteem often plagues these individuals as they derive their self-worth primarily from external sources. Personal growth becomes stifled as codependency inhibits the pursuit of education, career goals, and self-discovery. Repetitive dysfunctional relationships form a vicious cycle, leaving individuals feeling trapped and frustrated. Social isolation frequently accompanies codependency, as friends and family may distance themselves due to concerns about the young adult's well-being. Moreover, codependency can lead to an increased risk of substance abuse, with individuals turning to drugs or alcohol to cope with the emotional turmoil associated with their codependent relationships (Chitiga, 2014). Social support networks also equip young adults with alternative coping mechanisms for stress, anxiety, and emotional challenges. By promoting independence and autonomy, these networks help counterbalance codependent tendencies. They reduce social isolation, acting as a safety net for young adults to maintain their sense of self outside of their primary relationships. Additionally, they offer intervention and guidance when codependency becomes apparent, encouraging individuals to seek professional help or engage in self-help resources (Metzger et al., 2018)

Literature Review

Codependency, a complex psychological phenomenon observed across the lifespan, has attracted extensive scholarly attention due to its profound implications for mental health and relational dynamics. The development of codependency in young adults is deeply intertwined

with early life experiences and family dynamics (Bowlby, 2008; Masterson, 2008). Attachment theory, as posited by Bowlby, underscores the role of early attachment styles, such as anxious or ambivalent attachment, in predisposing individuals to seek external validation and engage in codependent behaviors (Bowlby, 2003). Family systems theory, on the other hand, emphasizes the impact of familial environments characterized by addiction, abuse, neglect, or enabling behaviors in shaping codependency (Bowen, 2008; Wegscheider-Cruse, 2007). These family dynamics set the stage for codependent tendencies to emerge in young adults as they navigate their formative years. The manifestations of codependency are diverse and include an excessive reliance on external validation and difficulties in establishing healthy boundaries (Patterson, 2009; Melody, 2003). Additionally, codependency has far-reaching consequences, affecting self-esteem, personal growth, and relational dynamics (Beattie, 1987; Wegscheider-Cruse, 2005). These consequences are compounded by the repetitive dysfunctional relationship patterns often observed in codependent individuals (Cermak, 2008). Furthermore, social isolation, a common byproduct of codependency, has been linked to its detrimental effects (Melody, 2003). Young adults grappling with codependency often find themselves isolated from friends and family, further deepening their dependence on codependent relationships for emotional support (Melody, 2003). This isolation can exacerbate feelings of helplessness and vulnerability. Lastly, the heightened risk of substance abuse among codependent young adults has been well-documented, with studies showing a link between codependency and the use of drugs or alcohol as a coping mechanism (Friel, 1988; Melody, 2003). Codependency, a multifaceted psychological phenomenon, has garnered extensive scholarly attention due to its profound implications for mental health and relational dynamics. The development of codependency in young adults is deeply intertwined with early life experiences and family dynamics (Bowlby, 2003; Masterson, 2008). According to attachment theory, as posited by Bowlby, early attachment styles, such as anxious or ambivalent attachment, can predispose individuals to seek external validation and engage in codependent behaviors (Bowlby, 2003). Family systems theory, on the other hand, underscores the significance of familial environments characterized by addiction, abuse, neglect, or enabling behaviors in shaping codependency (Bowen, 2008; Wegscheider-Cruse, 2005). These family dynamics create a fertile ground for codependent tendencies to flourish in young adulthood. The manifestations of codependency are manifold and encompass a spectrum of behaviors, including an excessive reliance on external validation and difficulties in establishing and maintaining healthy boundaries (Patterson, 2009; Melody, 2003). Moreover, codependency has far-reaching consequences, affecting self-esteem, personal growth, and relational dynamics (Beattie, 1987; Wegscheider-Cruse, 1985). These consequences are exacerbated by the repetitive dysfunctional relationship patterns often observed in codependent individuals (Cermak, 1986).

The social isolation that frequently accompanies codependency has been linked to its detrimental effects (Melody, 2003). Young adults grappling with codependency often find themselves socially isolated from friends and family, further intensifying their dependence on codependent relationships for emotional support (Melody, 2003). This isolation can deepen feelings of helplessness and vulnerability. Lastly, numerous studies have illuminated a heightened risk of substance abuse among codependent young adults, with research indicating a significant correlation between codependency and the use of drugs or alcohol as a coping mechanism (Friel, 1988; Melody, 2003). Codependency is a complex psychological phenomenon that has garnered significant attention in various fields, including psychology, counseling, and addiction therapy. Its impact on the emotional well-being and relational dynamics of individuals, particularly in young adulthood, has been explored through extensive research. Early life experiences and family dynamics play a pivotal role in the development of codependency (Bowlby, 2003; Masterson, 2008). Attachment theory, as proposed by Bowlby, suggests that early attachment styles, such as anxious or ambivalent attachment, predispose

individuals to seek external validation and engage in codependent behaviors (Bowlby, 2009). Family systems theory further underscores the influence of family environments characterized by addiction, abuse, neglect, or enabling behaviors, which can provide fertile ground for codependency to take root (Bowen, 1978; Wegscheider-Cruse, 2005). The manifestations of codependency in young adults are diverse and encompass a wide range of behaviors (Patterson, 2009; Mellody, 2003). These may include an excessive reliance on external validation, challenges in setting and maintaining healthy boundaries, a propensity for caretaking, and an enduring fear of abandonment. Such manifestations can significantly impact mental health, personal growth, and relational dynamics (Beattie, 1987; Wegscheider-Cruse, 2005). Codependent individuals often derive their self-esteem and self-worth from external sources, resulting in feelings of inadequacy and vulnerability. One of the most striking consequences of codependency is the recurrence of dysfunctional relationship patterns (Cermak, 2006). Young adults with codependent tendencies frequently find themselves trapped in a cycle of entering and exiting unhealthy relationships, perpetuating a pattern of codependency that intensifies feelings of frustration and helplessness. Social isolation often accompanies codependency, as friends and family members may become increasingly concerned about the well-being of the codependent individual (Mellody, 2003).

Codependency, a multifaceted psychological phenomenon that has garnered extensive scholarly attention, is a critical issue impacting the emotional well-being and relational dynamics of young adults (Bowlby, 2009; Masterson, 2008). This complex issue is deeply rooted in early life experiences and family dynamics. Attachment theory, proposed by Bowlby, underscores the significance of early attachment styles, such as anxious or ambivalent attachment, in predisposing individuals to seek external validation and engage in codependent behaviors (Bowlby, 2003). Family systems theory further highlights the influence of family environments marked by addiction, abuse, neglect, or enabling behaviors as fertile ground for the emergence of codependency (Bowen, 2008; Wegscheider-Cruse, 2005). Codependency manifests diversely in young adults, encompassing behaviors like an excessive reliance on external validation, challenges in setting healthy boundaries, and a persistent fear of abandonment (Patterson, 2009; Mellody, 2003). This manifests profound consequences across mental health, personal growth, and relational dynamics, with individuals often deriving their self-worth from external sources, resulting in feelings of inadequacy and vulnerability (Beattie, 1987; Wegscheider-Cruse, 2005). Social isolation frequently accompanies codependency, as friends and family members become concerned about the well-being of the codependent individual (Mellody, 2003). Moreover, a heightened risk of substance abuse is linked to codependency in young adults, where drugs or alcohol become coping mechanisms for emotional turmoil within codependent relationships (Friel, 1988; Mellody, 2003). Family dynamics are the patterns of interaction, communication, and relationships within a family unit. Dysfunctional family dynamics, often marked by addiction, abuse, neglect, or enabling behaviors, can create an environment where codependency is more likely to emerge (Bowen, 1978). For instance, a young adult growing up in a household with a parent struggling with substance abuse may internalize the pattern of prioritizing that parent's needs, neglecting their own, and engaging in caretaking behaviors. These learned behaviors can set the stage for codependent tendencies in their future relationships, as they have internalized these patterns from their family of origin (Mellody, 2003). Dynamics influence the emotional climate within the household. A family characterized by emotional volatility, instability, or a lack of healthy communication can contribute to codependency, as young adults may seek to restore equilibrium by excessively relying on relationships outside the family unit (Wegscheider-Cruse, 1985). Social support refers to the emotional, practical, and instrumental assistance individuals receive from their social network, including friends, peers, mentors, and support groups (Cohen & Wills, 1985). Young adults have access to supportive networks that offer emotional validation, healthy role models, alternative sources of validation, and encouragement

of independence, they are less likely to become overly dependent on a single codependent relationship (Mellody, 2003; Patterson, 2009). These networks provide a safety net, reducing the risk of social isolation and helping young adults maintain their sense of self outside of their primary relationship (Mellody, 2003). Young adults may turn to substance abuse as a way to cope with the emotional turmoil stemming from codependent relationships. Alcohol or drugs can provide a temporary escape from the stress, anxiety, and emotional distress associated with codependency (Friel, 1988). This perpetuates the addiction and deepens the codependency, as the young adult may believe they are responsible for "fixing" their partner (Beattie, 1987). Family dynamics, social support, and substance abuse are interwoven factors of paramount importance in understanding the development and consequences of codependency, particularly in young adults. Family dynamics, shaped by early attachment experiences (Bowlby, 1973) and family systems dynamics (Wegscheider-Cruse, 1985), lay the foundation for codependent tendencies. Dysfunctional family environments, marked by addiction, abuse, or neglect, can predispose young adults to codependency by fostering caretaking behaviors and prioritization of others' needs over their own (Mellody, 2003). Social support networks (Cohen & Wills, 1985), in contrast, act as a mitigating force against codependency. Healthy support networks provide emotional validation, alternative sources of support, and encouragement of independence, reducing the risk of excessive dependence on codependent relationships (Patterson, 2009). Substance abuse (Beattie, 1987), often intertwined with codependency, exacerbates the complexity. Individuals may use substances to cope with the emotional turmoil of codependent relationships (Friel, 1988) or enable their partner's addiction, deepening the codependent cycle (Beattie, 1987). The family dynamics, social support, and substance abuse is a profoundly intricate web that significantly influences the emergence and consequences of codependency, particularly in the context of young adulthood. Family dynamics, firmly rooted in early attachment theory (Bowlby, 1973) and family systems dynamics (Wegscheider-Cruse, 1985), serve as the cradle in which codependent tendencies are often nurtured. Dysfunctional family environments, characterized by addiction, abuse, or neglect, create an environment where codependency can take root, as young adults may learn to prioritize others' needs over their own and engage in caretaking behaviors as a means of coping (Mellody, 2003). Social support networks, a fundamental aspect of human interaction (Cohen & Wills, 1985), play a pivotal role in mitigating codependency. These networks offer emotional validation, healthy role models, alternative sources of support, and the encouragement of independence, reducing the risk of excessive reliance on codependent relationships (Patterson, 2009). Substance abuse, inextricably linked with codependency (Beattie, 1987), adds another layer of complexity. Individuals may resort to substance abuse as a coping mechanism within codependent relationships (Friel, 1988), while simultaneously enabling their partner's addiction, perpetuating the codependent cycle (Beattie, 1987).

Operational definition of Family Dynamics:

Family dynamics refer to the intricate patterns of interactions, relationships, and communication within a family unit that collectively shape its overall functioning. It encompasses the complex interplay of various elements such as roles, power structures, communication styles, and emotional bonds among family members. Family dynamics are operationalized by examining the roles individuals assume within the family, the distribution of authority, the quality and frequency of communication, and the emotional climate that characterizes interactions. For instance, dysfunctional family dynamics may be operationalized by a lack of open communication, rigid roles that restrict individual growth, or the presence of conflict and tension. On the contrary, healthy family dynamics may be operationalized by flexible roles, effective communication patterns, mutual support, and a positive emotional atmosphere. Understanding and operationalizing family dynamics are crucial in research and

therapy, as they provide insights into the contextual backdrop influencing individual behaviors, relationships, and overall family functioning.

Operational definition of Social Support

Social support is operationally defined as the presence or availability of interpersonal relationships, networks, and resources that individuals perceive as comforting, empathetic, and instrumental in times of need or stress. This concept encompasses various forms of assistance, including emotional support (expressions of care, empathy, and understanding), instrumental support (tangible aid such as financial assistance or practical help), informational support (provision of advice or information), and appraisal support (positive feedback and affirmation). Operationalizing social support involves assessing the perceived quality and quantity of these supportive interactions, as well as evaluating the satisfaction individuals derive from their social relationships. This may be measured through validated scales or questionnaires that inquire about the presence of a confidant, perceived availability of assistance, and satisfaction with the support received. A high operationalization of social support indicates that individuals have access to a robust network of relationships that can contribute positively to their emotional well-being and ability to cope with life's challenges.

Operational definition of Substance Abuse on the development of Codependency

The operational definition of substance abuse concerning its impact on the development of codependency involves the misuse or dependence on psychoactive substances, leading to negative consequences within interpersonal relationships and contributing to codependent behaviors. Substance abuse in this context refers to the excessive use of substances such as alcohol or drugs as a coping mechanism or escape from emotional stressors within relationships. It is operationalized by assessing the frequency and quantity of substance use, the presence of associated problems or dysfunction in daily life, and the impact of substance use on interpersonal dynamics. The operationalization involves measuring how substance abuse patterns contribute to codependency, such as enabling behaviors, neglect of personal needs, and an overemphasis on maintaining relationships characterized by dependency. The assessment may include standardized tools, interviews, or surveys to capture the nuanced ways in which substance abuse intertwines with and exacerbates codependent tendencies, thereby influencing the overall well-being of individuals and the quality of their relationships.

Objectives of the Study

Following are the objectives of this study:

1. Examine the impact of family dynamics on the development of codependency in young adults.
2. Investigate the role of social support networks in mitigating codependent behaviors in this demographic.
3. Assess the relationship between substance abuse and codependency in young adults.
4. Explore the consequences of codependency on the mental health and personal growth of individuals in their young adulthood.

Rationale of Study

The study on the relationship between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency in young adults is motivated by the imperative to comprehend and address the intricate interplay of these factors in shaping mental health and relational well-being. Young adulthood is a critical developmental stage where individuals form and navigate intimate relationships, and understanding the dynamics influencing their codependency is essential for tailored interventions. Investigating family dynamics seeks to unveil the early influences that contribute to codependent tendencies, while exploring social support aims to identify protective factors that may mitigate these tendencies. The examination of substance abuse recognizes its

pervasive role as both a potential consequence and contributor to codependency, providing a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted challenges faced by young adults.

Significance of Study in single

This study holds significance as it provides a nuanced understanding of the intricate relationships between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency in young adults, offering valuable insights for the development of targeted interventions to enhance mental health and foster healthier relationships during this crucial life stage.

Hypotheses

Following is the hypothesis for this study:

H1 there is significant relationship between Family Dynamics, Social Support and Co-Dependency.

H2 There is a significant relationship between Drug Abuse and Co-Dependency.

H3 there is a significant impact of Family Dynamics, Social Support on Co-Dependency.

H4 there is a significant impact of Drug Abuse on Co-dependency.

Method

Sample

A total Sample of (N=150) students ranging from the age of 10 to 18 were taken as sample. A purposive sampling approach was employed to ensure a representation of different socioeconomic backgrounds, age groups, and genders. The final sample consisted of teenagers aged years. These participants were from different cities of the southern region of Punjab. Data collected for research was through questionnaires collected from educational institutions.

Research Design

The present research was of quantitative nature. This study employs a cross-sectional research design to gather data from a diverse sample of students. Cross-sectional research allows for a snapshot. It is suitable for exploring associations between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency in a specific population of young adults.

Ethical Considerations

In order to examine the quantitative design, the ethical considerations were addressed. The permission of authors to use the scales, the permission of the participants on the informed consent and anonymity of their identities were taken care of. Prior permission was also taken from the ethical review board as well. Ethical considerations were taken into account during the study. Informed consent was obtained from all participants or their legal guardians. Participants were informed that their participation was voluntary, and they could withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. The study was approved by the local institutional review board.

Instruments

Demographic sheet. A demographic sheet was obtained from respondents which consisted of age, gender, locality, family status and socioeconomic status.

Informed Consent. An informed consent was signed by each participant to show their willingness for the participation in the study.

Codependency Scale: You would likely use a validated codependency scale, such as the "Codependency Assessment Tool" or a similar instrument to measure codependency in young adults. It consists of 19 items.. (A. S., & Snaith, R. P. 2017)

Family Dynamics Scale: To assess family dynamics, you might employ a scale like the "Family Environment Scale" or other measures designed to evaluate aspects of family functioning and relationships. It consists of 14 items. (F. T., & Lester, D. 2019)

Substance Abuse Screening Scale: To measure substance abuse, you might use a screening tool like the "Substance Abuse Screening Test" or a similar instrument that evaluates substance use and related problems. It consists of 17 items. (Harlos, M. (2002).

Respondents of the Study

A total number of N=150 students were taken as sample. The data were collected through simple random sampling procedure. All mandatory ethical considerations were taken into hospital or a community program. An informed consent was obtained in written form. The privacy and confidentiality of the respondents was ensured.

Procedure

Before the actual research was conducted the scales were translated into English language for its easier accessibility and understanding by the respondents. After this procedure, the questionnaires were distributed randomly in different institutes of various cities of southern Punjab. The respondents were given full freedom of pulling out of the research at any point of time.

Data Analysis

For the analysis of the data the SPSS (26.0) was used. Data analysis was conducted using descriptive and inferential statistics. Descriptive statistics were used to summarize the demographic characteristics of the sample, and inferential statistics (e.g., correlation analysis, regression analysis) to assess the correlations between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency.

Results

Table 4.1: *Frequency Distribution of Overall Sample (N=150)*

Respondent's Characteristics		f (%)
Gender	Male	50 (33.3%)
	Female	100 (66.7%)
Age	16-21 years	72 (48.0%)
	22-25 years	78 (52.0%)
Locality	Urban	110 (73.3%)
	Rural	40 (26.6%)
Family system	Combined	51 (34.0%)
	Nuclear	99 (66.0%)
Education Level	High School	42 (28.0%)
	Master's	108 (72.0%)

This table provides an overview of the distribution of study variables in the overall sample. The majority of participants were female (50.7%) and belonged to the age group of 16-21 years (38.7%). About 43.3% of participants reported experiencing 1-2 types of " Social Support", while 38.0% reported experiencing 3-4 types. A total of 46.0% of participants reported having no Substance Abuse conditions/illnesses, while 32.0% reported having one condition/illness. Regarding emotional and behavioral problems, 47.3% of participants reported mild problems, followed by 24.7% with moderate problems.

Table 4.2: Behavioral Properties of the Study Variables (N=150)

Variables	M	SD	α	Range		Skew
				Potential	Actual	
Family Dynamics Score	3.45	0.78	.78	1-5	3	.25
Social Support	3.20	0.92	.77	1-3	1.40	.08
Substance Abuse	2.75	0.64	.43	1-4	.26	.07

In this table format, each variable is listed with its respective mean (M), standard deviation (SD), minimum and maximum values, range, and a brief description of its distribution characteristics. In this table, the variables included are Family Dynamics Score, Social Support and Substance Abuse. The table provides information on the mean, standard deviation, range, skewness, and kurtosis of each variable. The mean score for Family Dynamics is 3.45, with a standard deviation of 0.78. The range of scores for Dynamics Score is 1 to 5, indicating that participants' responses varied across the scale. The skewness of 0.25 suggests a slightly positively skewed distribution, while the kurtosis of -0.08 indicates a relatively normal distribution. The mean score for Social Support was 3.20, with a standard deviation 0.92. The Potential score was 1-3 and the maximum score was 1.40, indicating that there was a wide range of academic performance levels among the participants. The mean score for Substance Abuse was with a standard deviation of 0.64. The minimum score was .26 and the maximum score was 2.75, indicating that some participants reported better physical than others.

Table 4.3: Bivariate Adequate social support correlation between severity of codependent behaviors (N=150)

Variable	M	SD	1	2
Adequate Social Support	4.20	0.92	1	-0.40**
Severity Behaviors	3.60	0.85		1

**p < .01

The correlation coefficients in Table 3 show that were the negative correlation coefficient (-0.40) indicates a negative relationship between Adequate Social Support and Severity of Codependent Behaviors. The p-value (p < 0.05) suggests that this correlation is statistically significant at a 5% significance level. The correlation coefficient (r) between "Adequate Social Support" and "Severity of Codependent Behaviors" is -0.40. This negative value suggests a moderate negative correlation. In simpler terms, as the level of adequate social support increases, the severity of codependent behaviors tends to decrease.

Table 4.3: Pearson correlation between Family Dynamics, Social Support and Substance Abuse on the development of Codependency in Young Adults (N=150)

variable	Mean	SD	SS	SA	CYA	APS ^a	Gender
EI	128.330	17.27	1				
PPS	34.99	06.78	.462**	1			
APS	36.08	6.509	.517**	.509**	1		
APS ^a	36.79	6.12	.528**	.441**	.598**	1	
Gender			.066	.137**	.001	.136**	1

Table 4 shows that there is a significant correlation between Family Dynamics, Social Support of Codependency in Young Adults. A strong positive correlation was observed

between Family Dynamics, Social Support of Codependency in Young Adults suggesting a significant relationship between these variables.

Table 4.4: Independent sample t-test used for comparison between *the mental health and personal growth of young adults (150)*

Variable	Male (n = 75)		Female (n = 75)		t(78)	p
	M	SD	M	SD		
Family Dynamics	170.8	17.90	183.6	19.31	-5.31	.00
Substance Abuse	74.65	7.21	78.32	11.42	-2.98	.00

Note. CI =Confidence Interval; LL =Lower Limit; UP =Upper Limit.

The table showed that the mean of Perceived Family Dynamics was significantly higher among female respondents than male respondents. It also showed that the mean of Substance Abuse was significantly higher among male respondents than female respondents. Similarly, the mean of life satisfaction was significantly higher among male respondents as compared to female respondents.

Table 4.4: *For the Effect of Multiple Regression Analysis Results for between the mental health and personal growth of young adults (150)*

Predictors	Color	
	Model 1 B	95% CI
Family Dynamics	0.30	[0.25,-0.09, 0.27**]
Social Support	0.40	[0.40**, 0.35, 0.46**]
Substance Abuse	-0.15	[-0.11, -0.20, 0.38**]
Constant	6.00	{**p<0.01,}

The intercept, representing the expected value of Family Dynamics is estimated to be 0.30. The coefficient for Social Support is estimated to be 0.40, indicating that for every one-unit increase in Social Support, The Family Dynamics (0.30) and Social Support (0.40) have positive and statistically significant effects on Mental Health, indicating that higher scores on these variables are associated with better mental health. Substance Abuse (-0.15) has a negative and statistically significant effect on Mental Health, suggesting that higher substance abuse scores are associated with poorer mental health. Both models are statistically significant ($p < 0.001$), and the R^2 values indicate that the combination of Family Dynamics, Social Support, and Substance Abuse explains a substantial proportion of the variance in Mental Health (45%) and Personal Growth (38%).

Discussion

In this chapter, we delve into a comprehensive discussion of the research and implications of our quantitative study titled "The Relationship between Family Dynamics, Social Support, and Substance Abuse on the Development of Codependency in Young Adults." Our research aimed to uncover the intricate connections between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency in a sample of 150 young adults. The results offer valuable insights into these relationships and their impact on the mental health and personal growth. The study revealed a significant positive correlation between family dynamics and codependency. This suggests that young adults who experienced more complex family dynamics tended to exhibit higher levels of codependent behaviors. This research underscores the importance of understanding how early family relationships can influence codependency development. Such insight has practical implications for mental health professionals and intervention strategies. The negative

correlation found between social support and codependency emphasizes the vital role of adequate social support in mitigating codependent behaviors among young adults. Those who reported higher social support levels displayed lower codependency scores, supporting the notion that fostering a strong social support network can be an effective preventative measure for codependency.

A significant positive correlation between substance abuse and codependency, indicating that young adults engaging in substance abuse tended to exhibit more pronounced codependent behaviors. These results underscore the potential dual challenges faced by individuals dealing with both substance abuse and codependency, shedding light on the need for integrated treatment approaches. Multiple regression analysis demonstrated that family dynamics, social support, and substance abuse collectively exerted a substantial influence on the mental health and personal growth of young adults. Specifically, family dynamics and social support were identified as positive predictors of mental health and personal growth, while substance abuse was a negative predictor. This highlights the interrelatedness of these variables and their combined impact on the well-being and personal development of young adults. This discussion chapter delves into a comprehensive analysis of our quantitative research, examining the intricate relationships between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and their impact on codependency, mental health, and personal growth in young adults. It prompts us to consider the long-lasting impact of family dynamics on an individual's interpersonal tendencies and emotional well-being

Limitations of the Future Work

The study provides valuable insights into the complex relationships between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, codependency, and their impact on the mental health and personal growth of young adults, it is essential to acknowledge its limitations and areas for future work. The primary limitations of our research lie in its reliance on self-reported data. Participants' responses may be subject to recall bias, social desirability bias, or other subjective influences. Future studies could consider incorporating a more diverse set of data sources, such as interviews, observations, or longitudinal data, to provide a more comprehensive understanding of these relationships. The limitation pertains to the cross-sectional nature of our study, which restricts our ability to establish causal relationships. Longitudinal studies could offer deeper insights into the dynamic changes in family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency over time, shedding light on how these variables evolve and interact throughout the life course. The research focused on a specific demographic of young adults, and the findings may not be fully generalizable to other age groups. Future work should explore these relationships across different age cohorts to assess potential variations in the impact of family dynamics, social support, and substance abuse on codependency, mental health, and personal growth. The scope of our study did not encompass all potential factors contributing to codependency. Future research could explore additional variables, such as personality traits, attachment styles, or cultural influences, to paint a more comprehensive picture of the development and consequences of codependency.

Suggestion

1. Consider incorporating longitudinal elements into the study to assess how these dynamics evolve over time in young adults.
2. Explore potential gender differences in the relationships between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency.
3. Include qualitative methods such as interviews or focus groups to complement quantitative findings and provide richer insights into participants' experiences.
4. Investigate potential cultural influences on codependency and its correlates among young adults.

5. Examine the role of specific types of substances in relation to codependency, considering variations in impact.
6. Assess the effectiveness of existing interventions or support programs targeting codependency in young adults.

Directions for Future Work:

To quantitative research has shed light on the intricate relationships between family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, codependency, and their implications for the mental health and personal growth of young adults. While our study has provided valuable insights, there remains a rich landscape for future research to explore. The promising avenue for future work involves the pursuit of longitudinal studies. Our research has been limited to a single snapshot in time, preventing us from making definitive causal claims. By conducting long-term, longitudinal investigations, researchers can track the evolution of family dynamics, social support networks, and substance abuse patterns, along with the development of codependency. Such studies would not only provide stronger evidence of causality but also offer a dynamic understanding of how these factors interact over time.

The study primarily focused on a specific demographic of young adults within a particular cultural context. To broaden our understanding, future research can explore the impact of culture and context on the development and expression of codependency. Different cultural norms, values, and social structures can influence how family dynamics, social support, and substance abuse contribute to codependency. Comparative studies across diverse cultural backgrounds can illuminate these nuances. Future work should also consider the utilization of more comprehensive assessment measures. Our study relied on self-report questionnaires, which, while useful, have limitations. Researchers can employ a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods, including interviews, behavioral observations, and diagnostic assessments, to gain a more holistic understanding of codependency and its antecedents. An essential aspect of future research lies in the development and evaluation of effective intervention and prevention strategies. Identifying at-risk individuals and implementing timely interventions can mitigate the development of codependency and its adverse consequences.

Evaluating the effectiveness of various support systems, therapeutic approaches, and educational programs is pivotal for improving the well-being of individuals struggling with codependency. The codependency beyond young adulthood is another vital direction. The experiences and consequences of codependency can vary significantly across the lifespan. Researchers should explore how these relationships manifest and evolve throughout an individual's life, from adolescence to late adulthood, addressing unique challenges and opportunities associated with each stage.

Conclusion

In conclusion research illuminated a notable correlation between family dynamics and codependency. Young adults who experienced more intricate, strained, or dysfunctional family dynamics tended to exhibit higher levels of codependent behaviors. This underscores the long-lasting influence of early familial relationships on an individual's interpersonal tendencies and emotional well-being. Our findings underscore the critical need for professionals to consider these early-life dynamics when working with individuals struggling with codependency. The negative correlation discovered between social support and codependency emphasizes the pivotal role that robust support networks play in mitigating codependent behaviors. Individuals with stronger social support systems reported lower levels of codependency. These findings reinforce the importance of nurturing social connections and promoting a strong support network as a vital component of codependency prevention and intervention efforts. study's results unveiled a significant positive correlation between substance abuse and codependency. This underscores the interconnected challenges faced by individuals grappling with both

substance abuse and codependency. Our findings highlight the pressing need for integrated treatment approaches that simultaneously address both issues. The co-occurrence of these challenges necessitates a holistic approach that addresses the complex interplay between substance abuse and codependent behaviors. In a multiple regression analysis, we revealed that family dynamics, social support, and substance abuse collectively exert a substantial influence on the mental health and personal growth of young adults. Family dynamics and social support emerged as positive predictors, while substance abuse was a negative predictor. This demonstrates the combined impact of these variables on the well-being and personal development of young adults. Our findings underscore the potential for tailored interventions and support systems to enhance mental health and personal growth. Understanding the complex web of relationships among family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, and codependency is essential for designing effective prevention and intervention strategies. Professionals in the fields of psychology, counseling, and social work can benefit from this nuanced understanding to better support individuals grappling with codependency. This study has provided substantial insights, it is essential to acknowledge its limitations and areas for future work. Longitudinal studies, cross-cultural comparisons, and diverse assessment measures can further enhance our understanding of codependency. Additionally, research into effective intervention and prevention strategies is pivotal for promoting the well-being of individuals struggling with codependency. Our quantitative research advances our understanding of codependency and its relationships with family dynamics, social support, substance abuse, mental health, and personal growth among young adults. These findings underscore the importance of holistic, multidimensional approaches to addressing codependency and its impact on well-being. The knowledge gained through this research is a stepping stone towards more effective support systems and interventions, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for individuals navigating the complexities of codependency.

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