



Week 2 – The Politics of Substance Abuse

Addiction, Power, and Powerlessness




**Driving Under the Influence (DUI) among Young Persons (Substance Abuse and
Mental Health Services Administration)
FASTATS: Alcohol Use (National Center for Health Statistics)**



environmental, and contextual factors also contribute to adolescent substance



Over the past two decades, much has b



the family system are affected. From a systems perspective, families are seen as organisms that continuously change and reconstitute themselves (Gladding, 1995). One study summarized family systems as a powerful and influential series of interconnected relationships among family members that provide for human behavior, emotion, values, and attitudes (Figley and Nelson, 1990).