

Week 6 - Recovery as a Developmental Task: The Therapeutic and Family Challenges

What happens when the drinking stops? A Developmental Framework
Factors that Influence Recovery
The Drinking Stage
Codependence

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Assignment Due: A Personal History of Alcoholism and/or Addiction in my Family

BLAMING THE VICTIM: THE CODEPENDENCY MODEL

The Codependency Model: An Overview

The early literature on women with alcoholic husbands outlined a predominantly negative view of these women. Such women were seen as neurotic, poor copers who were obsessed with controlling their husbands' drinking. They were seen to have partnered alcoholic men in order to satisfy their own pathological needs (Kalashian 1959; Whalen 1953). It was further asserted that some women would sabotage the drinker's attempts to abstain in order to continue meeting these needs (Futterman 1953). Edwards, Harvey & Whitehead (1973) termed such notions the disturbed personality theory. They criticised the lack of empirical support for such notions and cite a number of research findings which support the alternative view: that it is the stress created by the drinking which affects the partner's psychological functioning. Subsequent reviews cite further research supporting the stress model and refuting the disturbed personality model (Finney, Moos, Cronkite & Gamble 1983; Gombert 1989; Watts, Bush & Wilson 1994; O'Farrell, Harrison & Cutter 1981).

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