



Put In Your 2¢ Worth...

About 2¢ a drink yields \$44 million annually to reduce the impact of alcohol problems in Missouri.

Question:

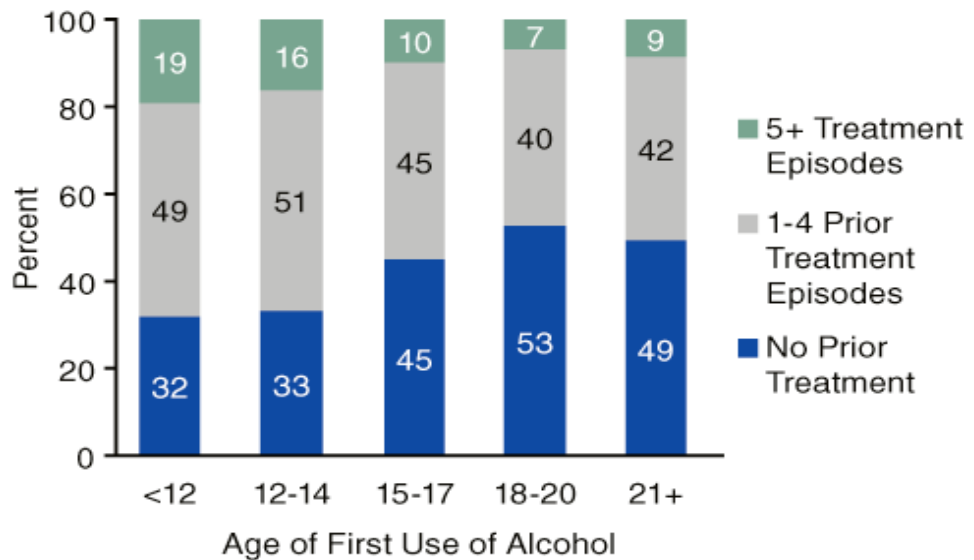
Are kids who start drinking to intoxication at an early age more likely than others to experience challenges and difficulties in treatment and recovery?

Answer:

That appears to be the case. Based on national data from 683,000 adult admissions to addiction treatment, those who started drinking at an age younger than 15 were more likely to report prior treatment episodes than those who reported their first alcohol intoxication at 15 or older.

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Primary Alcohol Admissions Aged 21 or Older, by Age of First Use of Alcohol and Prior Treatment Episodes: 2002



NOTE: “Age of First Use” is defined as “age of first intoxication” in the Treatment Episode Data Set. For other drugs, age of first use is defined as the age at which the respective drug was first used.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, “Characteristics of Primary Alcohol Admissions by Age of First Use of Alcohol: 2002.” DASIS Report, April 14, 2005.

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