

# Relationships

The last part of addiction is the relationships, jobs, and lives that are thrown away when a person becomes addicted to a substance. More often than not, the substance becomes more important than the person's relatives and friends. The person becomes more dependent on the drug they are addicted to than family or friends when faced with distress or problems. "Once a person becomes addicted to a certain substance, that substance becomes more important than family and friends," says addiction psychologist Jennifer Fernández. She says that addicts cope with difficult situations or stresses by looking the drug they are addicted to, when a non-user would seek help from relatives or friends. Most addicts lose interest in their family or friends, decaying relationships.

