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About this bulletin

This current awareness bulletin contains a selection of material gathered from a search of the evidence base. It is not intended to be comprehensive and has not been critically appraised. Collated by a qualified information professional, the content is selected by informed prioritisation of the search results based upon agreed criteria.

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Journal articles were sourced from MEDLINE, Embase and APA PsycInfo, all on the Ovid platform. Grey literature was sourced from a range of relevant websites. For details of resources used and associated search strategies, please contact us using the details below.

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Recent journal articles

Highlights

Côté M, Roussel N, Kourgiantakis T, et al. **A scoping review on stigma by association: Advancing the understanding of concerned significant others affected by addictions**. Stigma and health. 2026;

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Marketing and promotion

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No new articles

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