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**Exploring the Relationship between Ambiguous  
Loss, Hope, and Resilience in Affected Family  
Members of Individuals with Severe Substance Use  
Disorders**

This research explores how hope and resilience impact ambiguous loss among family members affected by their loved one's substance use disorder, and how demographic factors may moderate these effects. It seeks to fill a gap in the quantitative literature on these constructs and highlights the need for more support for family members in addiction treatment. The findings aim to enhance therapeutic practices to work with families, and advocate for more family-centered guidelines in addiction counseling ethics.

Event Information

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