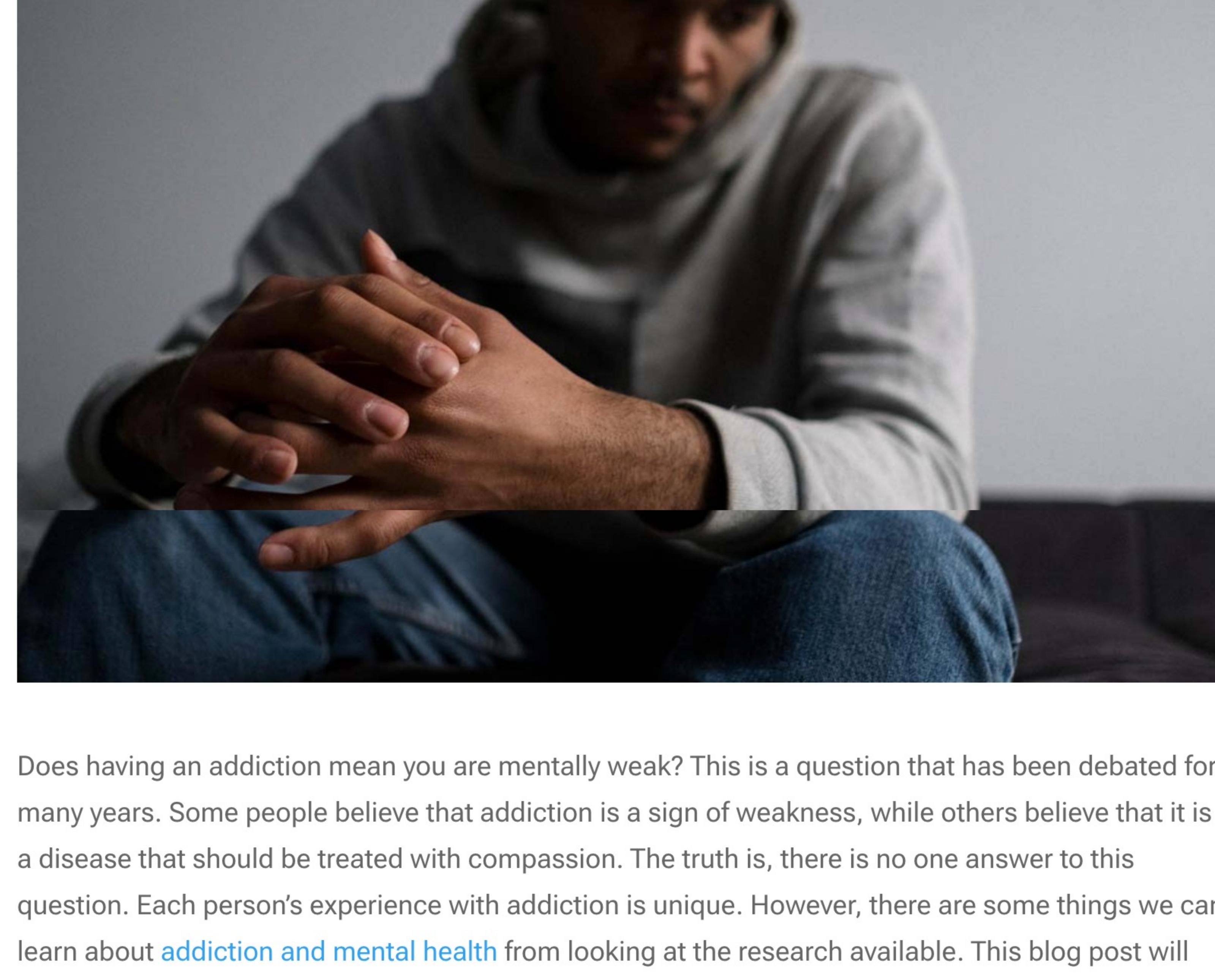
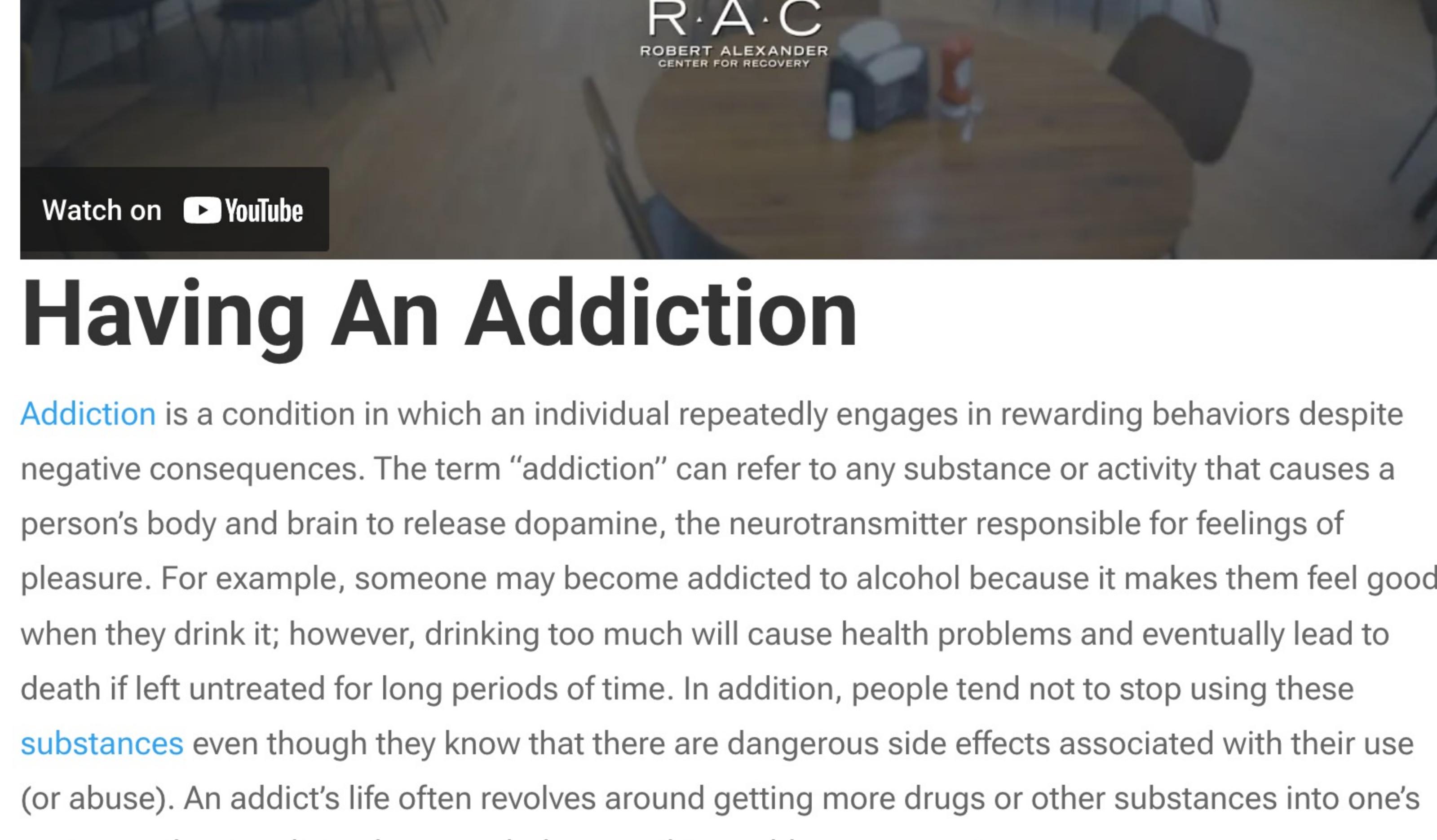


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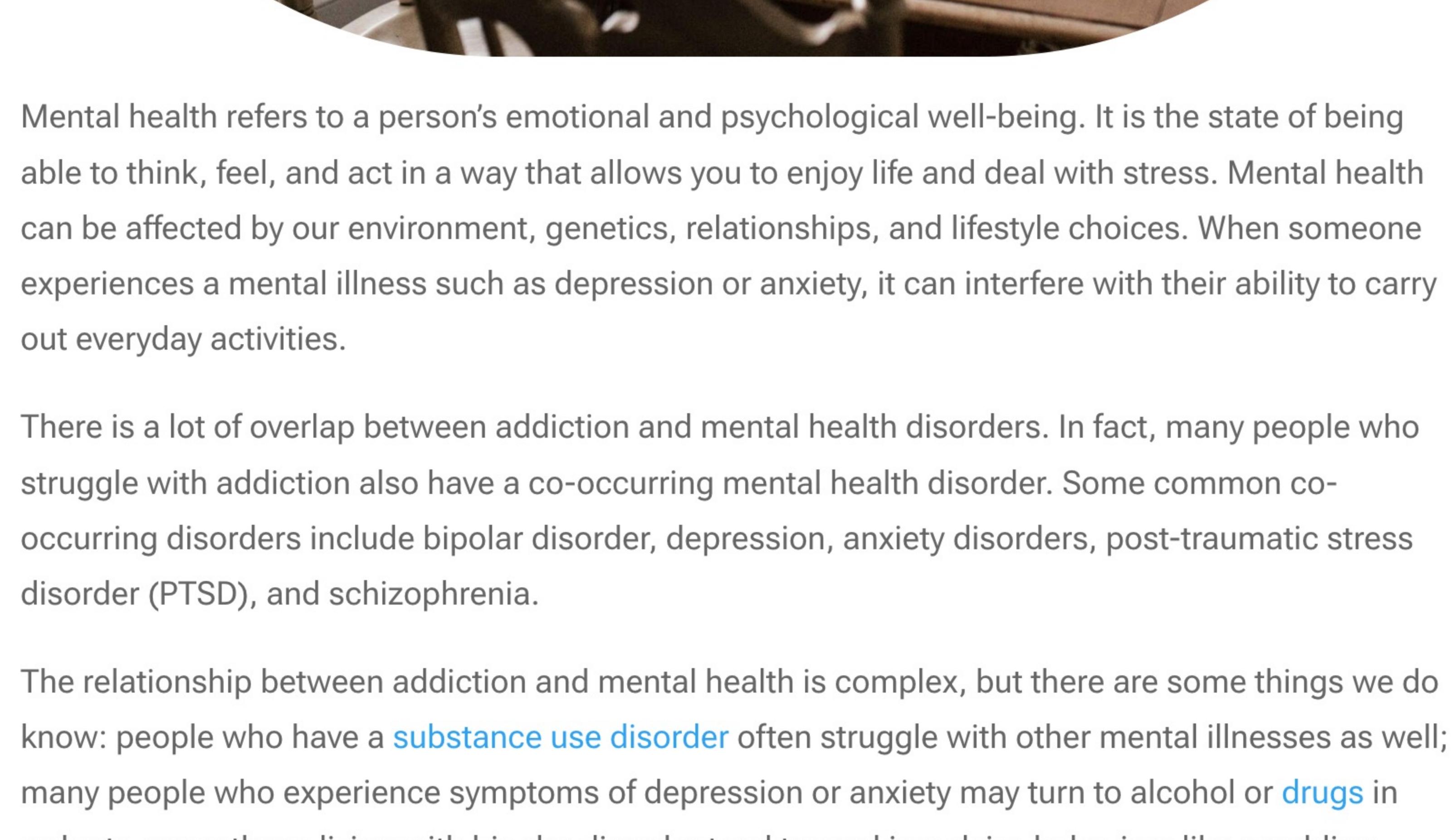
Does having an addiction mean you are mentally weak? This is a question that has been debated for many years. Some people believe that addiction is a sign of weakness, while others believe that it is a disease that should be treated with compassion. The truth is, there is no one answer to this question. Each person's experience with addiction is unique. However, there are some things we can learn about [addiction and mental health](#) from looking at the research available. This blog post will explore the relationship between addiction and mental health, and it will discuss some of the treatment options available for people who struggle with addiction.



Having An Addiction

Addiction is a condition in which an individual repeatedly engages in rewarding behaviors despite negative consequences. The term "addiction" can refer to any substance or activity that causes a person's body and brain to release dopamine, the neurotransmitter responsible for feelings of pleasure. For example, someone may become addicted to alcohol because it makes them feel good when they drink it; however, drinking too much will cause health problems and eventually lead to death if left untreated for long periods of time. In addition, people tend not to stop using these **substances** even though they know that there are dangerous side effects associated with their use (or abuse). An addict's life often revolves around getting more drugs or other substances into one's system without realizing how much damage this could cause over time.

What Is Mental Health?



Mental health refers to a person's emotional and psychological well-being. It is the state of being able to think, feel, and act in a way that allows you to enjoy life and deal with stress. Mental health can be affected by our environment, genetics, relationships, and lifestyle choices. When someone experiences a mental illness such as depression or anxiety, it can interfere with their ability to carry out everyday activities.

There is a lot of overlap between addiction and mental health disorders. In fact, many people who struggle with addiction also have a co-occurring mental health disorder. Some common co-occurring disorders include bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and schizophrenia.

The relationship between addiction and mental health is complex, but there are some things we do know: people who have a **substance use disorder** often struggle with other mental illnesses as well;

many people who experience symptoms of depression or anxiety may turn to alcohol or **drugs** in order to cope; those living with bipolar disorder tend toward impulsive behaviors like gambling,

overspending money on credit cards, promiscuity and risky sexual activity. There's also been

research showing how certain types of trauma can lead someone down the path towards developing an addiction later on. For example, when children grow up without consistent parental supervision

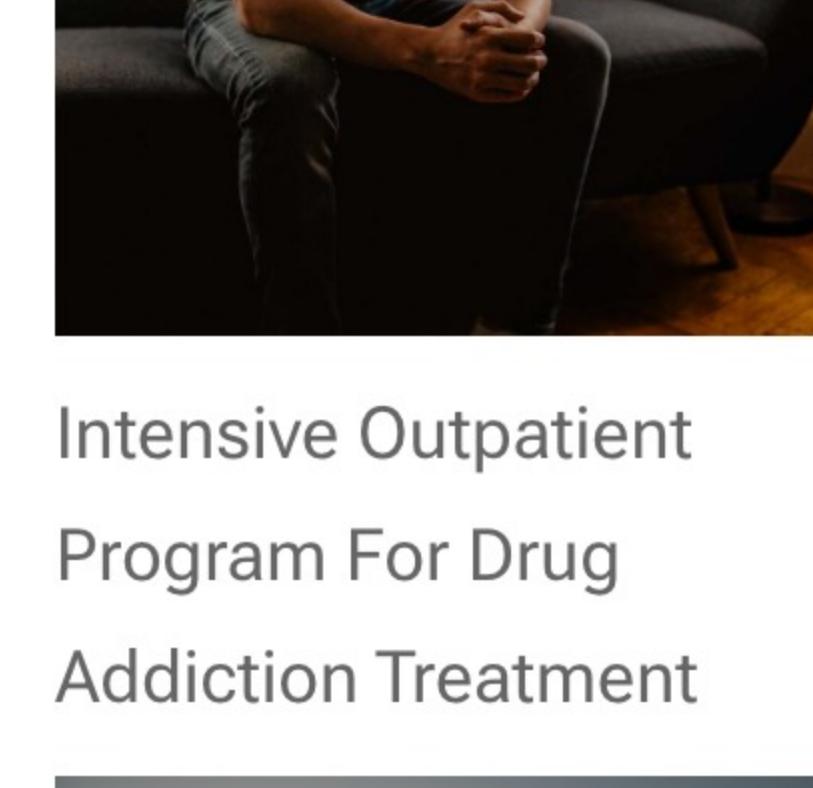
due to lackadaisical parenting styles (or worse yet – abuse), they're more likely than their peers who

had more stable upbringings to develop addictions and mental health problems as adults.

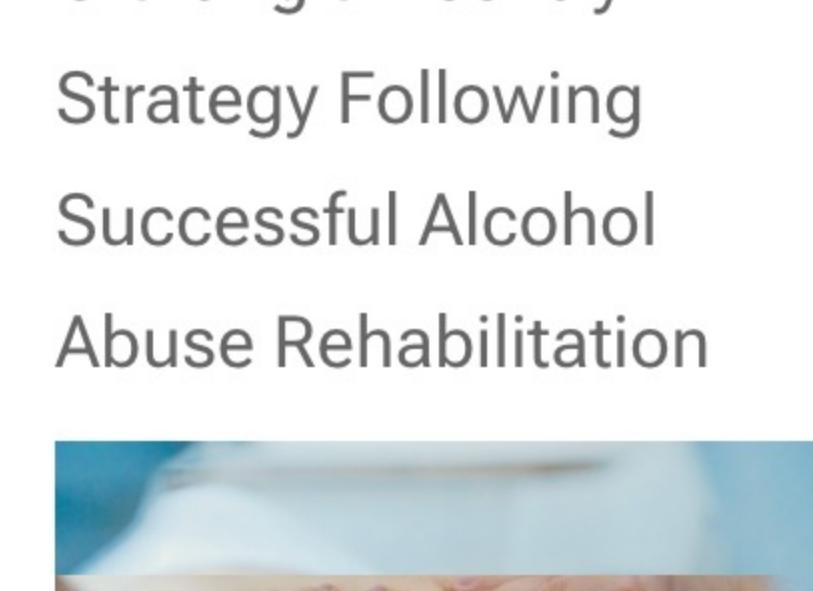
So, what does all this mean? It means that substance abuse and mental health are two very complex issues that often intersect with each other. People who struggle with addiction may also struggle with a mental illness and vice versa. The good news is that there are treatment options available for both addiction and mental health disorders.

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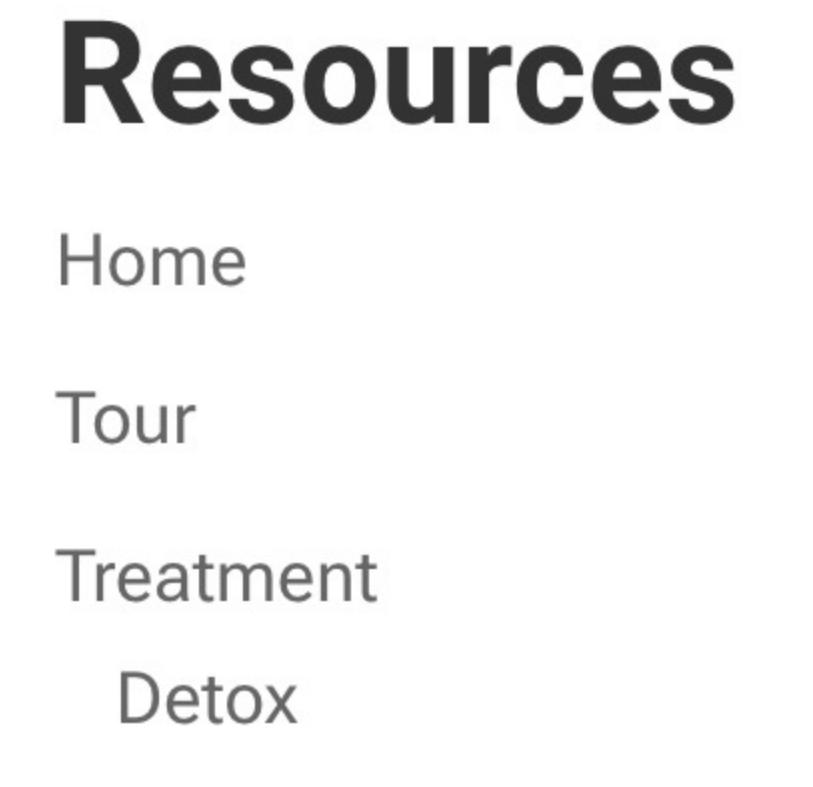
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