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**THE ROLE OF FAMILIES IN RESIDENTIAL AND  
COMMUNITY TREATMENT OF DRUG USE AND  
ABUSE: VICTIMS, CULPABLES OR RESOURCES?**

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According to Jay Haley (1976), adolescence can be a rather problematic crossroad during which a child and his/her parents must face a period of crisis and proceed toward a restructuring of their relationship

# Family as victim of drug consumption

## Victim model

- Families as victim of the consumption and its consequences. Legal, health-related, social and relational consequences.
- This I call the ***victim family*** model.

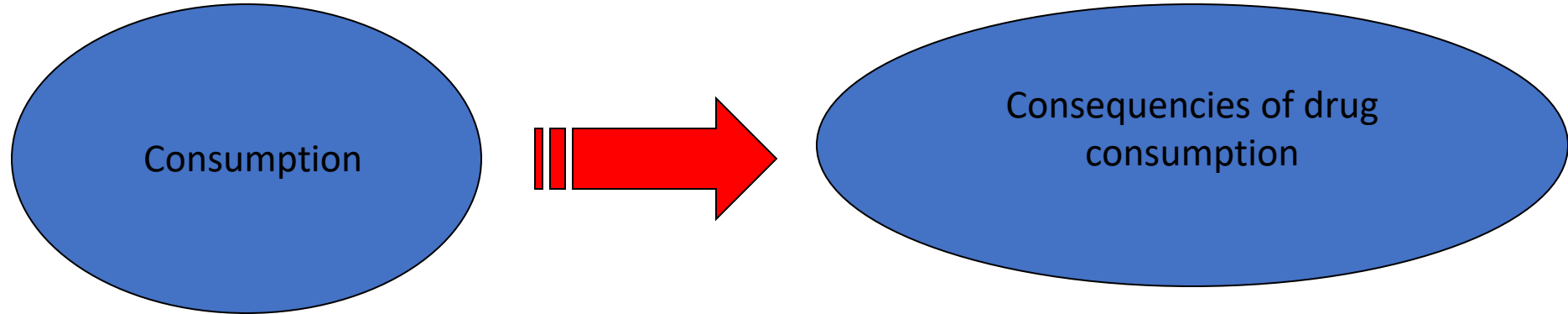
# Family as a dysfunctional system and consumption

## Carnefinits model

- Families, due to their ***primary dysfunctionality***, are a ***concurrent cause in drugs consumption.***
- S.Minuchin 1977,
- D.D. Stanton and M. Todd 1982,
- L. Cancrini 1988,
- JAA. Abeijon 2002,
- M. Coletti 1994, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2011).

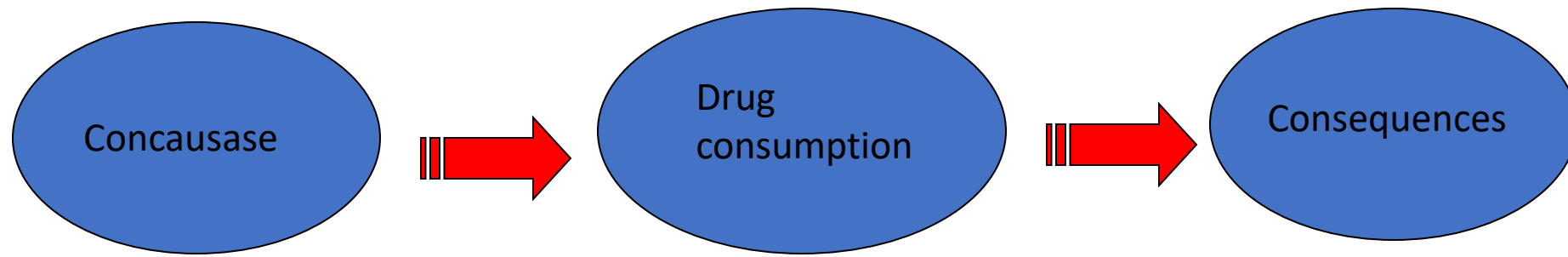
# Relationship between families and consumption

## Family-as –victim-model



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## Dysfuntional-family-model



# Different models and different instruments

- **Family as «victim»:**
- **Groups with parents and relatives**
- **Information sessions**
- **Psychoeducational approach**
- **«Disfunctional» family**
- **Structural intervention**
- **Systemic intervention**
- **Genogram, family story**
- **Sculpture**



# Conclusions

- In conclusion, families and partners should always be involved in residential treatment, as this leads to better, more complete and long-lasting results.



Many thanks for your kind attention

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