Think of every addiction as a different branch of a tree. The trees have roots and the roots -if they find fertile ground- create addictions...

**BRANCHES**
There are many types of addictions (behaviours, events, experiences, people and substances), depending on the temperament and the culture of the person.

- food
- drugs
- work
- alcohol
- codependency
- gambling
- internet

**ROOTS**
Different people may have different roots (or combinations of roots) for the same addiction.

- hereditary factors
- abandonment
- abuse
- shame
- fear
- neglect
- anger
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- anger

**SOIL**
The abuse of any kind provides fertile ground for the roots of the tree to develop through addictions.

Cutting the branches of a tree does not solve the problem. The tree will get new branches. But if we focus on the roots and on the soil, there is hope...