What is **ADDICTION?**

**Anticipation:**
Constant cravings of the drug along with poor decision making from the user which affects personal relationships.

**Drugs of Abuse Hijack the Brain**

**Binge:**
Binging occurs when the “wanting” of drugs are high, but the “liking” does not satisfy the craving because tolerance becomes low.

**Relapse:**
When a person quits using drugs and the withdrawal symptoms are gone, they can easily fall back into using drugs again. This is called relapse.

**Withdrawal:**
Negative feelings associated with the absence of drugs and range from nausea and negative mood to seizures in severe cases.

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**50%** of people diagnosed with drug addiction may also have depression or anxiety.

**Drug addiction can impact individuals of all ages, genders, ethnicities, backgrounds, and profession.**

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In 2017, approximately 4% of the American adolescent population age 12 to 17 suffered from an addiction; this equals 992,000 teens or **1 in 25** people in this age group.

People age 12-20 are responsible for **11%** of all alcohol consumed in the United States.

40-60% of people who go through treatment for drug abuse will fall back into taking the drug again at least once.

75% of people with drinking or drug problems are employed. **ANYONE** can struggle with addiction.