

What is ADDICTION?

Drugs of Abuse Hijack the Brain

Anticipation:

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

Binge:

Binging occurs when the "wanting" of drugs are high, but the "liking" does not satisfy the craving because tolerance becomes low.

"I just have to satisfy these cravings"

"I can have just one"

"I want to feel that high again"

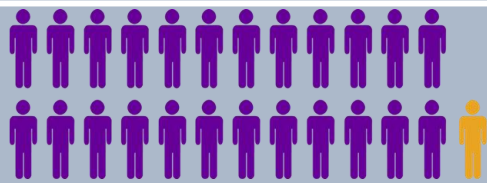
"I need to get rid of this hangover"

Withdrawal:

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

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.

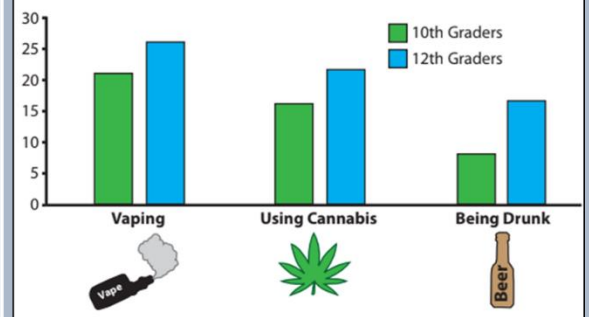


In 2017, approximately 4% of the American adolescent population age 12 to 17 suffered from an addiction; this equals 992,000 teens or **1 in 25** people in this age group.

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



Percentage of 10th and 12th Graders who Report Using Drugs in the Last Month

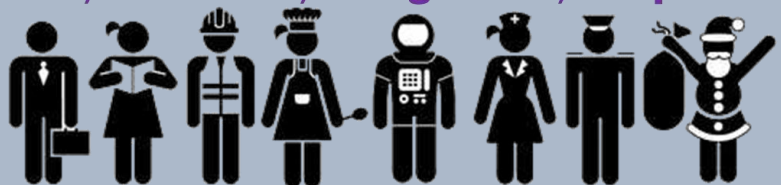


People age 12-20 are responsible for **11%** of all alcohol consumed in the United States.

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



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



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