

Drug Abuse

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Drug abuse in our society today is shunned down upon, and it's results lead to discouraged behavior such as, crime, laziness, and a unhygienic appearance. This major problem in today's society is far to complex for one solution, but we can start by teaching the youth of today's world the consequences and impact drugs can have on the human body. To reduce future drug abuse users by present youth, education awareness should start before students reach the Junior High School level.

First and foremost, the youth of today need to be educated on illegal substances such as, cocaine, marijuana, heroin, LCD, meth amphetamines, and of course the legal ones also, such as alcohol. These harmless looking devils' can take ones' life, and need to be taught to young people about the danger that surrounds them. If young people have grown up seeing older people such as their parents, or one's closest to them using drugs, they may think that it is ok to use drugs, and that drugs may oppose no risks at all since they see the people that they look up to using drugs.

Next, drug abuse programs such as, drug abuse rehabilitation centers, which are short term treatment programs with an inpatient stay of

about thirty days, is mostly known for a detoxification, which in my opinion is simply not enough clean time to go back out into society with the hopes of staying clean. Then there are therapeutic communities better known as TC's, which are long term rehabilitation programs with an inpatient stay of about six months to two years have been shown to reduce drug abuse, teach the proper tools of sobriety, how to use the tools of sobriety, build a foundation, and help drug addicts stay clean one day at a time. Many programs around the world teach drug abusers how to stay clean, but it is up to the drug user to want to stay clean. When a drug abuser has hit "rock bottom", and is sick and tired of being sick and tired, his or her chances of staying sober are greater than someone who is in a program against his or her free will.

Finally, drug abuse is a plague to society. Drug abuse drains our societies resources by requiring that our hard earned tax's be spent on funding enforcement agencies, educational programs, treatment facilities, and prosecutions on drug users, and drug dealers. Drug abuse is hurting our future society before they are even born. For example, a six hour old crack baby will cry it's heart out because it is going through withdrawal since it does not have the feed anymore from it's mother. Over the course of the next one to two years, the baby does not learn to walk or talk on time. There are disabilities, mental and physical; there are a whole generation of people out there being destroyed before they are even born.

Drug abuse must be stopped. It hurts our country by causing increased crime rates, soaring insurance rates, hurting families, hurting children, and most of all hurting the drug user which with a little help can become a productive member of society. If the government made fighting drug abuse a top priority, we could probably fight a winnable war through education and enforcement to stop drug abuse. Although it is only one solution among many, this one solution can be a predominating

power in the world of drug abuse, and by educating our youth correctly, we can avoid a future disaster in society that is inevitable among a drug abusers' life.

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