



THE FACTS

- 90% of addictions get their start in the teenage years. *CASA Columbia, 2012*
- Drug overdoses kill more than cars, guns and falling each year. *CDC, 2011*
- One person dies every 19 minutes from a prescription drug overdose in the United States. *The Partnership at Drugfree.org*
- 9 Million adolescents and young adults between the ages of 12–25 need help with drug and alcohol problems. *2009, National Study on Drugs and Health*
- 85 Million people are impacted in some way by substance abuse from family members, friends, care givers & employers. *The Partnership at Drugfree.org*
- \$374 billion dollars per year are spent by federal and state governments on substance abuse and addiction, but only 1.9% of this dollar amount is spent on drug and alcohol prevention & treatment. *The Partnership at Drugfree.org*



MARIJUANA

- Everyday 3,287 teens use marijuana for the first time *NSDUH, SAMSHA, 2014*
- 68.9% of high school seniors do not view regular marijuana smoking as harmful. *NIDA, 2016*
- Of 2.4 Million marijuana users, 78% began to use between the ages of 12–20. *NSDUH, SAMSHA, 2014*
- In an average day 4,365 teens used an illicit drug (marijuana, prescription medications) for the first time *SAMHSA, 2012*
- In 2015, 7% of adolescents aged 12–17 were current users of marijuana. *SAMHSA, 2015*



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

- More than 2,000 kids everyday use a prescription medicine to get high for the first time. *The Partnership at Drugfree.org*
- 1 in 4 Teens (5 million) report having misused or abused a prescription drug at least once in their lifetime (Ritalin, Adderall). *The Partnership at Drugfree.org*
- Of those kids who said they abused Rx medications, one in five (20%) has done so before age 14. *The Partnership at Drugfree.org*



ALCOHOL

- In 2012, an estimated 9.3 million underage persons (aged 12–20) drank alcohol, including 5.9 million binge drinkers and 1.7 million heavy drinkers. *SAMHSA, 2012*
- In 2015, About 2 out of 5 young adults aged 18–25 were current binge alcohol users, and 1 out of every 10 young adults were heavy alcohol users. *SAMHSA, 2015*