Drug Abuse in Schools

Today there are experiences a lot of causes of students in high schools and other institutions engaging in drug abuse. As a result these students are dropping out of school while others find themselves in criminal activities and majority of them get longtime illnesses such as cancer. In the past there were few cases of drug abuse in the society such that parents had full trust of their children and the children on the other hand were respectful to their elders. It is not the same in the contemporary society as today’s children have no respect for their elders due to their increased abuse in drugs thus making it difficult for the adults to guide them and help them come out of this deviant behavior.

The increasing usage of drugs in the nation has led to many dropouts in school (Abadinsky, 2014). Majority of the students leave school to go in search of money to be able to buy the drugs. Given that no parent will support them financially they will opt to work to support satisfy their drug need. In addition drug addicts in school are not appreciated in schools and are looked down on this discourages them from attending classes leaving them with the option of dropping out of school. Others fear being discovered by their fellow colleagues and sees not attending school as the only way to keep their secret.

As many students drop out of school in search of finances for their drugs they end up in streets doing bad businesses. The fact that no employer will want to employ a drug addict in their work place they are left in the streets to fend for themselves. With no other choice the drug addicts find themselves stealing from fellow individuals on the streets. They result to becoming criminals just so they can have the money they need to purchase the drugs. Once they are able to earn the money through criminal activities their need for drugs increases making them to fully depend on them for their system to function normally.

These addicts once they depend on these drugs they cannot do without them. Failure to them consuming them they may end up losing their minds thus drug abuse to them becomes a longtime illness. Once the drug enters the system it affects some vital organs in the body such as the lungs. This makes a drug addict exposed to getting cancerous illnesses. Others end up having weak immune systems that make them vulnerable to getting other infections and terminal illnesses.

The use of drugs and addiction on the same is increasingly leading to such issues as lack of involvement in sports and other co-curricular activities. Such activities keep children away from the use or abuse of drugs or even alcohol. It opens them to all new world of reaching to peers in their sporting activities as well as making them active at all times. Children involved in competitive sports are also said to be good in classroom since they are prone to competitiveness as well as being under stiff rules and measures that they have to adhere to during the sporting activities. In essence, such children are much more disciplined since it is one of the crucial requirements in competitive sports.

I believe however that although these students have perfect knowledge of what they are getting themselves into sometimes they do it for pleasure. In other times they take drugs to have self-confidence and be strong to take on any difficult situations in schools. In that case if schools are smooth learning institutions without high demands then these students will not engage in drug abuse to keep them entertained so as to relieve all the stress they get from schools (Maisto, Stephen, Galizio, and Connors 30). Drug abuse is thus associated in schools tight rules and conditions such that the more the rules in a school and bullying the more the cases of drug abuse in that school which follows to school dropouts and then engagement in criminal activities and finally exposure to longtime illnesses.

The rapidly increasing cases of drug abuse are affecting today’s society. For one the increased criminal rates making the society leave in fear of these criminals and also there increasing mortality rates among young people. This greatly affects the entire nation’s economy. Parents should not fear to talk to their children about the problems they face in schools so as to give them moral support. Schools on the other hand should hold talks in which both the teachers and students come together and discuss the problems they are facing and what possible changes can be made to help solve the issues. These talks will allow all students to fill at a comfortable place and reduce their chances in engaging in drug abuse and in turn the cases of dropouts will reduce and so will criminal rates and mortality rates lower. Additionally, the society and the government are not doing much to ensure that the drugs are not available to children and other people (Maisto, Stephen, Mark Galizio, and Gerard Connors, 25).

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