

23 Million Americans are classified as having a substance dependence or abuse problem. 11 Million are between 12 & 29. Nearly 90% aren't getting the help they need.¹

9 out of 10 people who met medical criteria for drug or alcohol abuse or dependence started smoking, drinking, or using other drugs before the age of 18.²

On an average day:

7,540 teens 12-17 drank alcohol for the first time.

4,365 used an illicit drug.

2,466 abused a prescription pain medication.³

*For more information or for assistance with treatment please call,
Bergen County Office of Alcohol and Drug Dependency, 201-634-2740
Addiction fits the AMA criteria for a "chronic disease": its primary, progressive, chronic and fatal.*

1. National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency, 2. <http://www.drugwarfacts.org/cms/Adolescents#sthash.INREedXI.dpuf>,

3. <http://www.drugfree.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Partnership-Drug-Alcohol-Fact-Sheet4.pdf>

