# Under Construction & Under the Influence



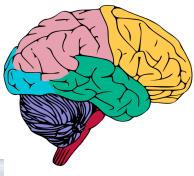
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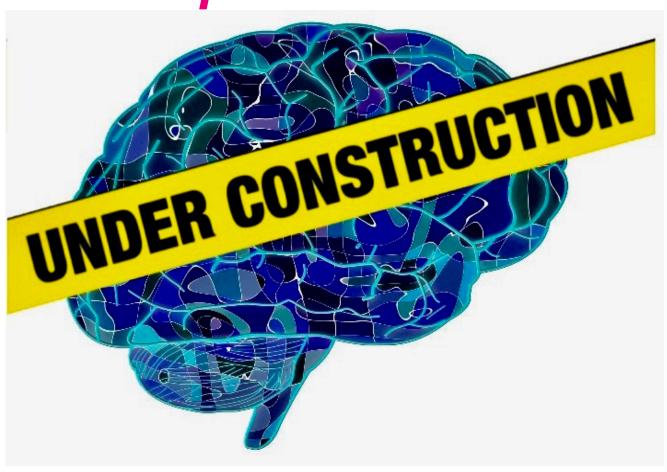


#### Addiction At-Risk Period

#### **ADOLESCENCE**

- 94% of all addictions initiate during adolescence
- Earlier Use = Greater Risk <15 years 5X more likely)</li>
- Why?

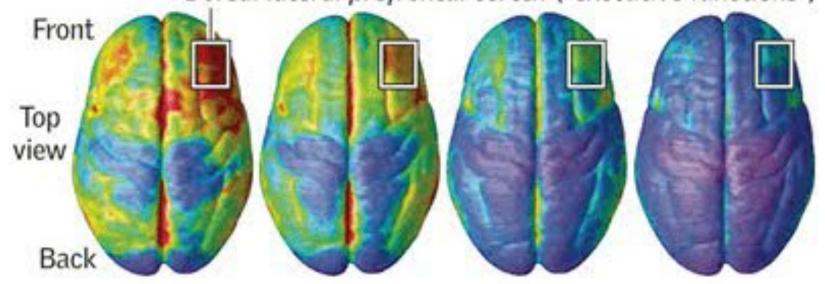
# Your Child and SUD up until 25 +



#### **Brain Development**

5-year-old brain Preteen brain Teen brain 20-year-old brain

Dorsal lateral prefrontal cortex ("executive functions")



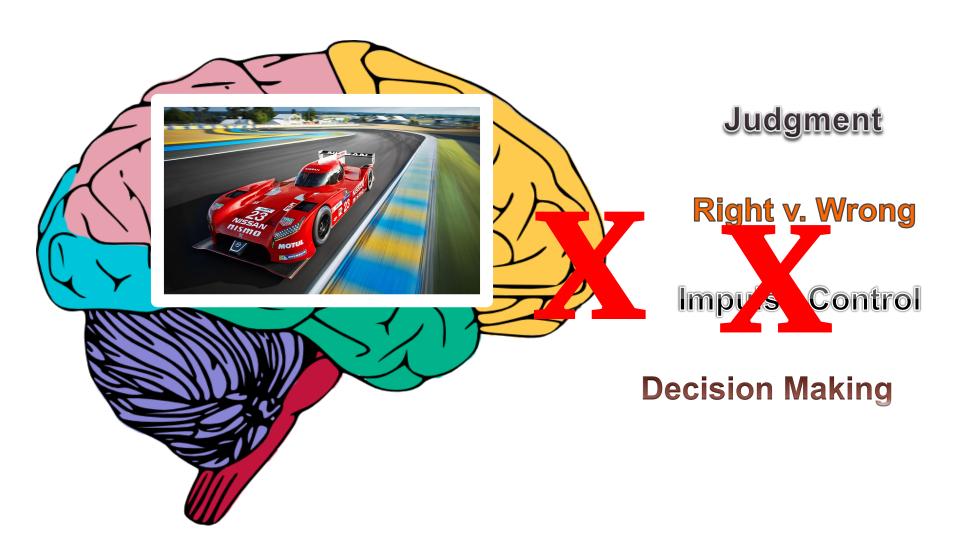
Red/yellow: Parts of brain less fully mature



Blue/purple: Parts of brain more fully matured

Sources: National Institute of Mental Health; Paul Thompson, Ph.D., UCLA Laboratory of Neuro Imaging Thomas McKay | The Denver Post

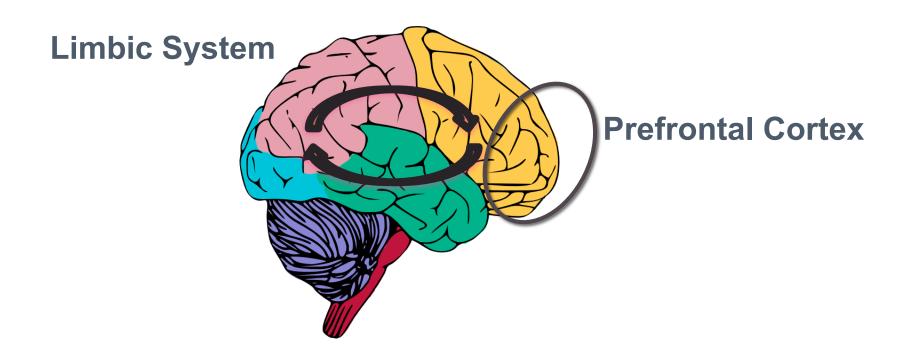
#### Adolescent Brain (until age 25)



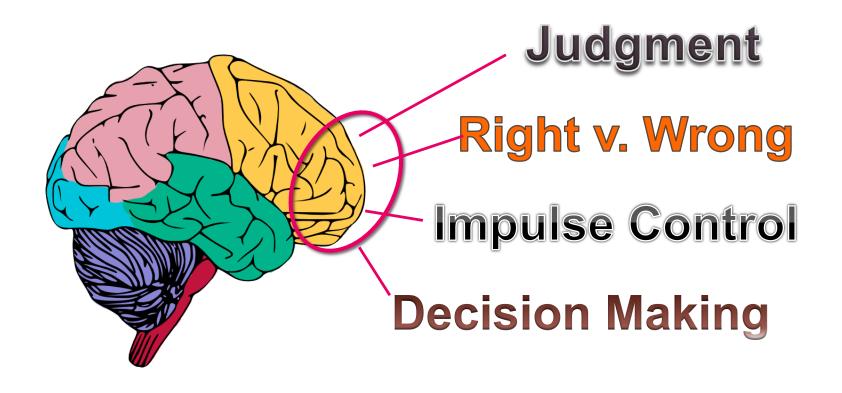
## Your Child's Brain *up until* 25 +



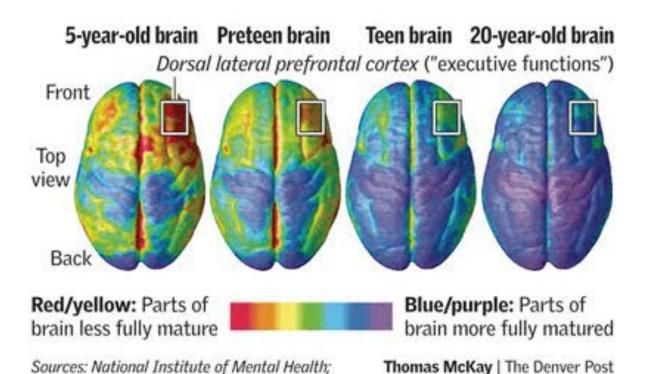
# Teen Brain: Same areas vulnerable to substances and recruitment by traffickers



## Mature Brain (after 25) Prefrontal Cortex



#### **Brain Development**

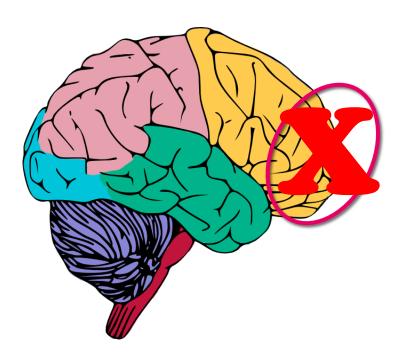


Paul Thompson, Ph.D., UCLA Laboratory of

Neuro Imaging

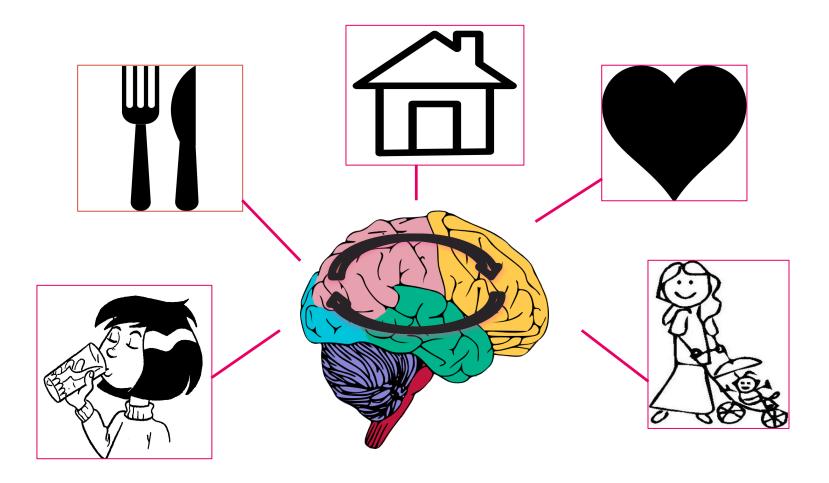
# Teen Brain & Substance Use Disorder

**Prefrontal Cortex** 



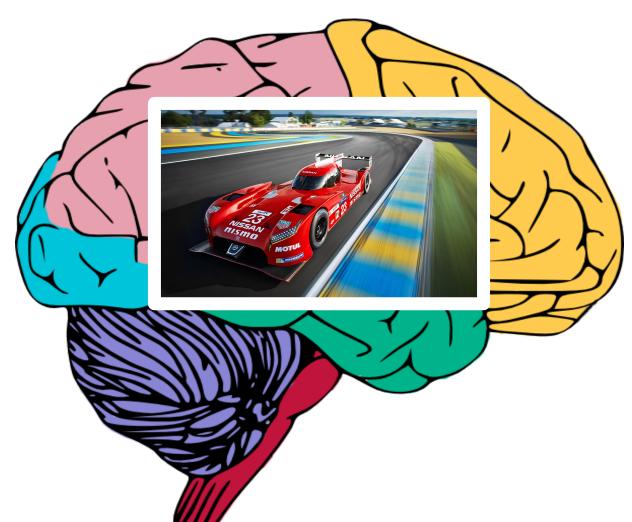


## Typical Brain Limbic System



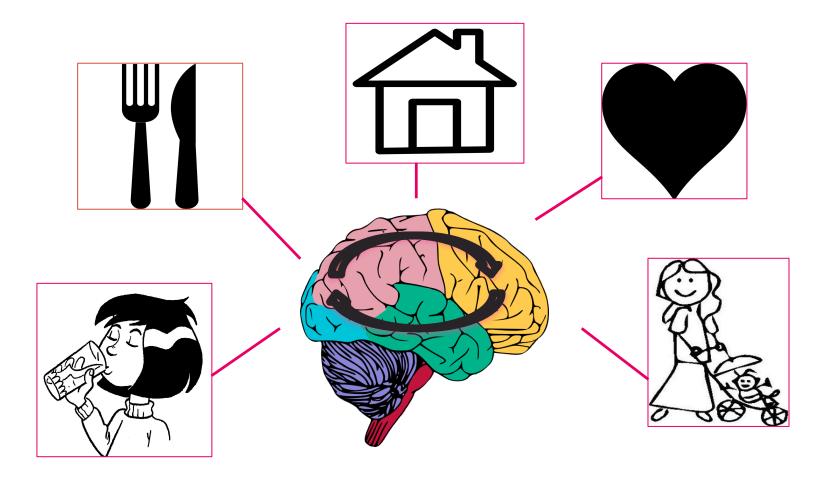
### Adolescence: Learning and Seeking

Reward

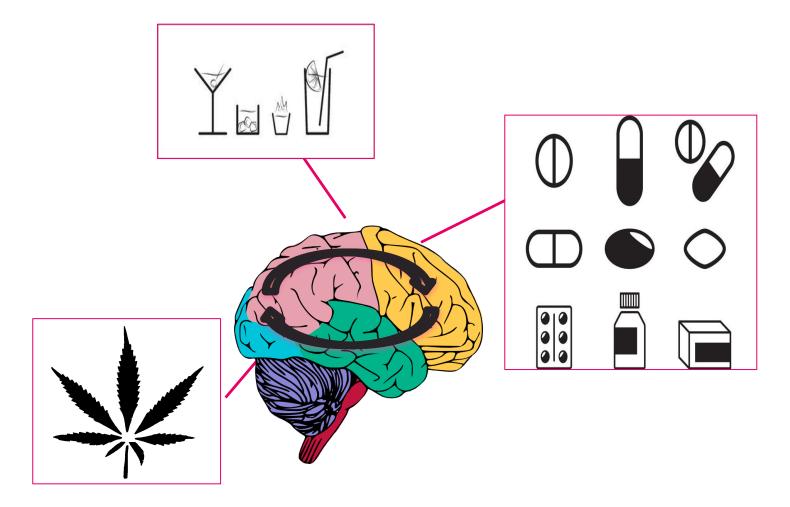


- primitive brain: efficiently seeking reward for survival
  - eating
  - drinking
  - sleeping
  - relationships
  - sex
- learning that these behaviors are good
- brain learns that nicotine and/or other substances make you feel good
- nicotine &/or other substances cause longterm changes to brain

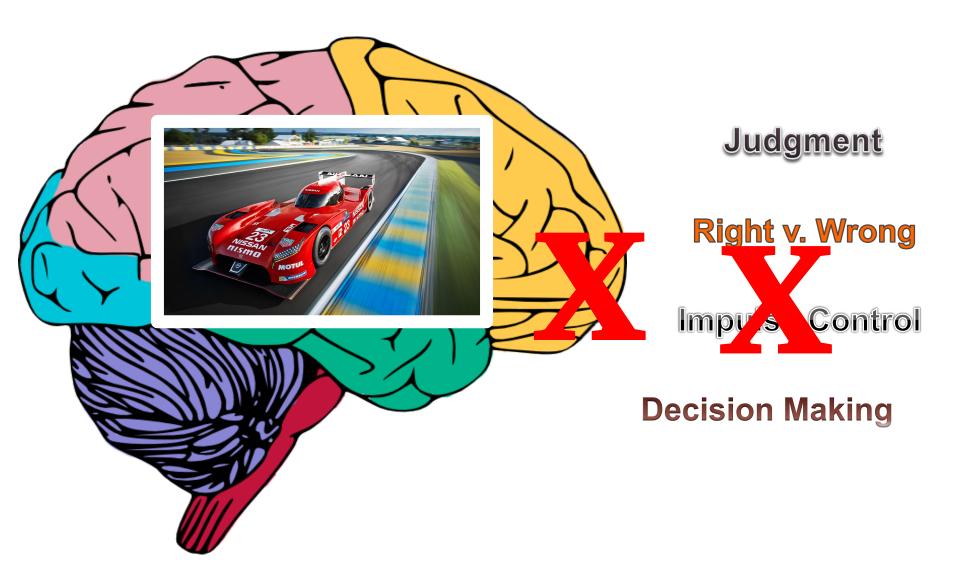
# With Substance Use Disorder.... Instead of this



# Substance Use Disorder limbic system



#### Adolescence: Double Jeopardy

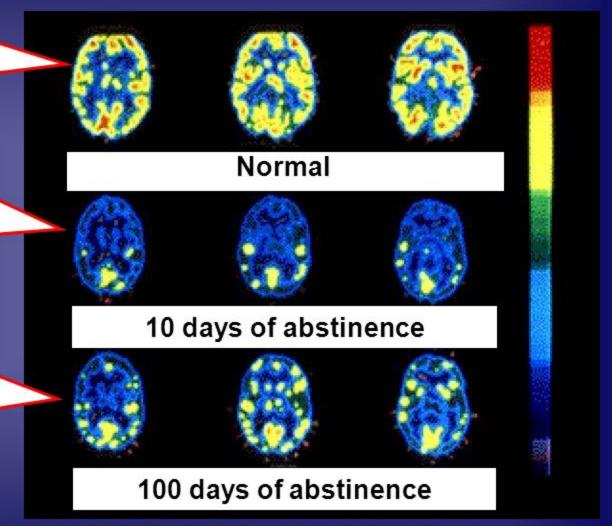


#### **Healing Takes Time**

Normal levels of brain activity in PET scans show up in yellow to red

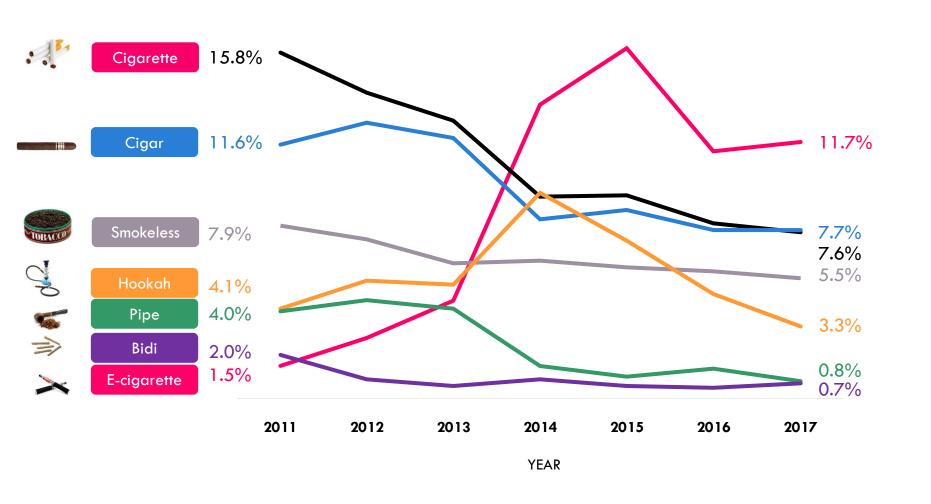
Reduced brain activity after regular use can be seen even after 10 days of abstinence

After 100 days of abstinence, we can see brain activity "starting" to recover

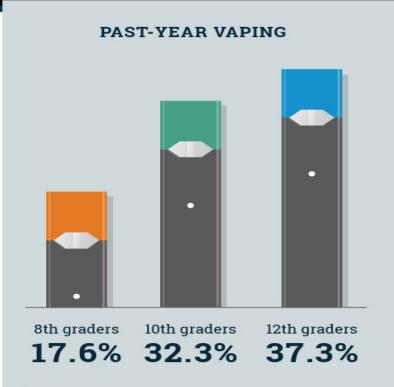


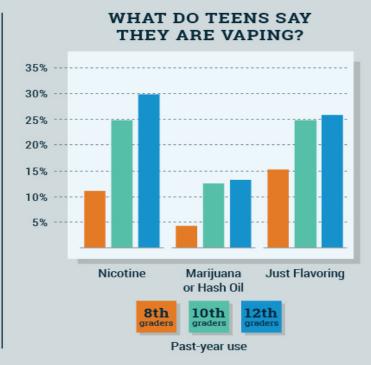
Source: Volkow ND, Hitzemann R, Wang C-I, Fowler IS, Wolf AP, Dewey SL. Long-term frontal brain metabolic changes in cocaine abusers. *Synapse* 11:184-190, 1992; Volkow ND, Fowler JS, Wang G-J, Hitzemann R, Logan J, Schlyer D, Dewey 5, Wolf AP. Decreased dopamine D2 receptor availability is associated with reduced frontal metabolism in cocaine abusers. *Synapse* 14:169-177, 1993.

## Current Tobacco Product Use Among U.S. High School Students by Tobacco Product – NYTS 2011-2017



#### TEENS USING VAPING DEVICES IN RECORD NUMBERS



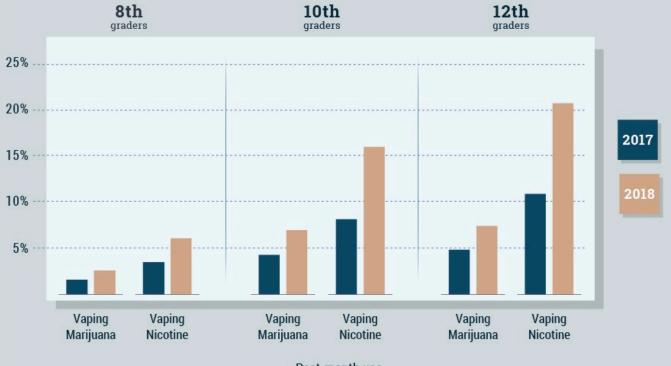


NEARLY 2 IN 5 STUDENTS IN 12TH GRADE REPORT PAST-YEAR VAPING, RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACT ON BRAIN HEALTH AND POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION.





#### TEENS VAPING NICOTINE OR MARIJUANA INCREASED ACROSS ALL GRADES



Past-month use

PAST-MONTH VAPING OF NICOTINE OR MARIJUANA JUMPED ACROSS ALL GRADES. PAST-MONTH USE OF MARIJUANA IS STEADY AS CIGARETTE USE DECLINES.





## Components of ALL e-cigs, Juuls, vapes



#### Many Types of Devices

1st Generation
"Cigalike"

2nd Generation
Vape Pen

3rd Generation Vape Mods



#### Juul – most popular by far



1 Juul cartridge = 20 cigarettes

#### What do they look like?



### What is Being Vaped?

 Flavored liquids including chemicals like glycerin and polyethylene glycol



- Flavored liquids with varying levels of nicotine
- Leaf marijuana/ THC oil

## Vaping Marijuana & Oils; Disposable MJ Vape Pens/cartridges











\$40 Midnight Berry DomPen

\$16
Purple Kush
Bloom Farms

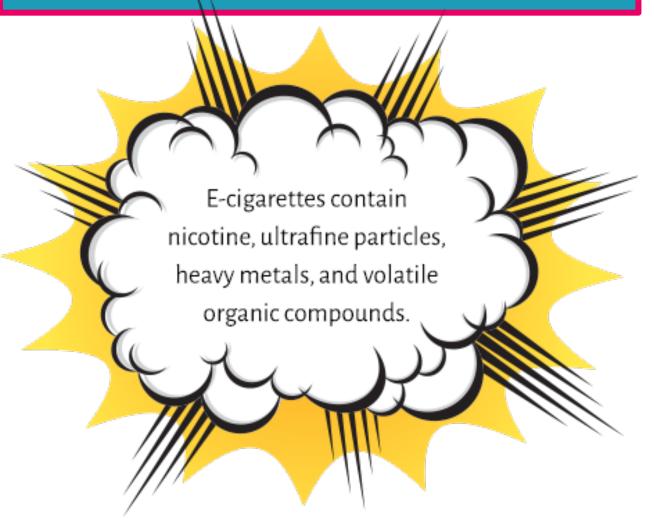
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## What's The Harm?

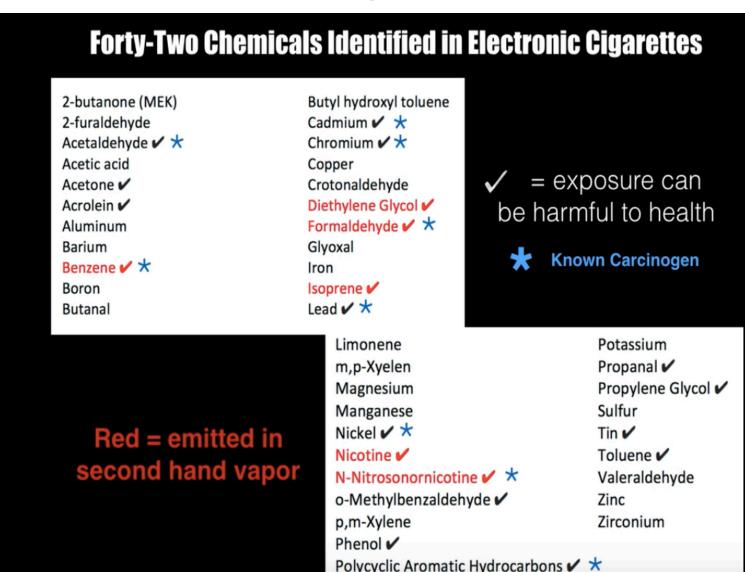






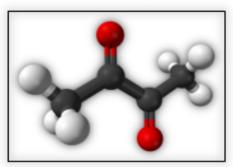


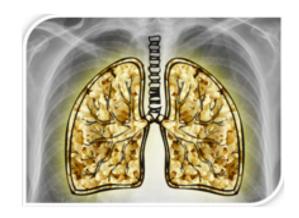
#### Chemicals in e-cigarettes

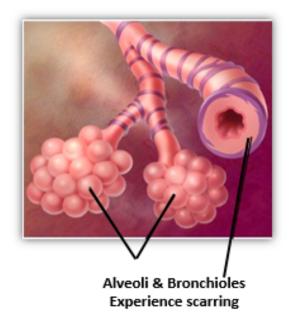


## Health Concerns: Popcorn Lung

#### Diacetyl





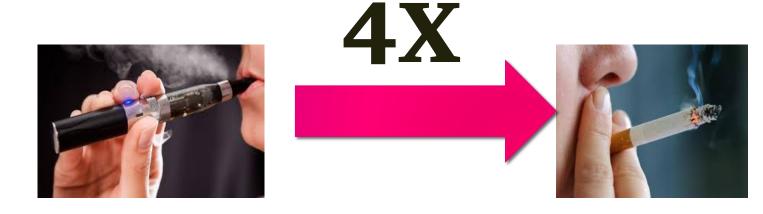


- Inhaled chemicals scar tissue in the lungs reducing capacity and efficiency
- Harvard 2015 Study found diacetyl in 39 of 51 flavors
- No known cases???

## But: Progress to combustible cigarettes

Association Between Initial Use of e-Cigarettes and Subsequent Cigarette Smoking Among Adolescents and Young Adults: A systematic review and meta-analysis.

Every study (9) found that e-cigarette use significantly predicts future smoking initiation. Taking into account findings from all studies, adolescent e-cigarette use increases the odds of smoking initiation about fourfold.



# The Ultimate Risk: Development of Addiction



get the facts

know the risks

take action

about

resources

#### E-cigarettes and Brain Development

Nicotine exposure during adolescence, a critical period for brain development, can cause addiction and can harm the developing brain. This video underscores the health risks for teens.



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## Nicotine during adolescence primes brain for future substance use

heroin, meth, crack



cocaine



shrooms, Ecstasy



Prescription/OTC medicine (Rx/OTC)

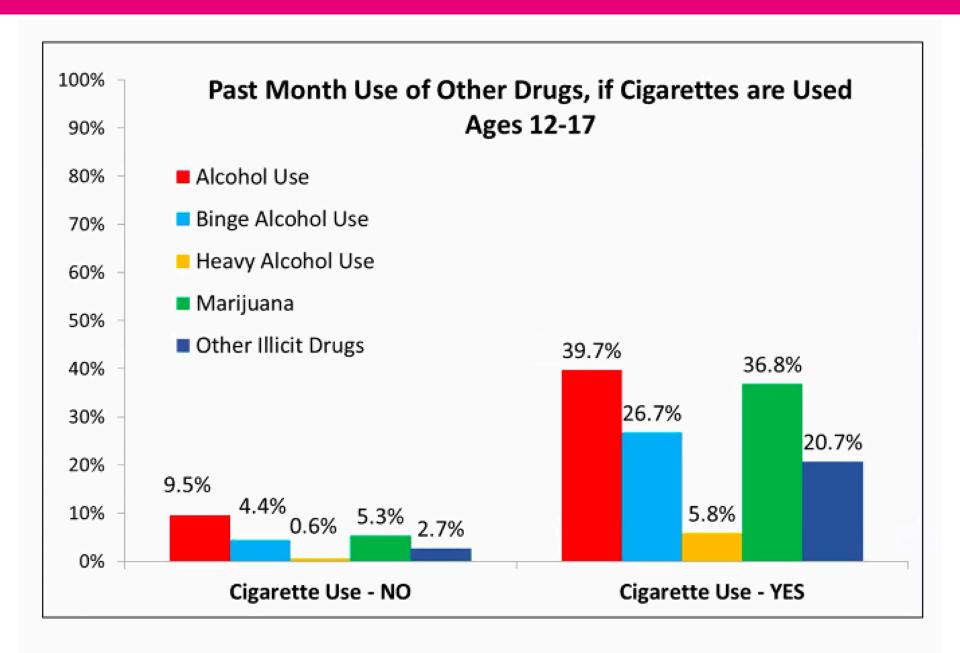


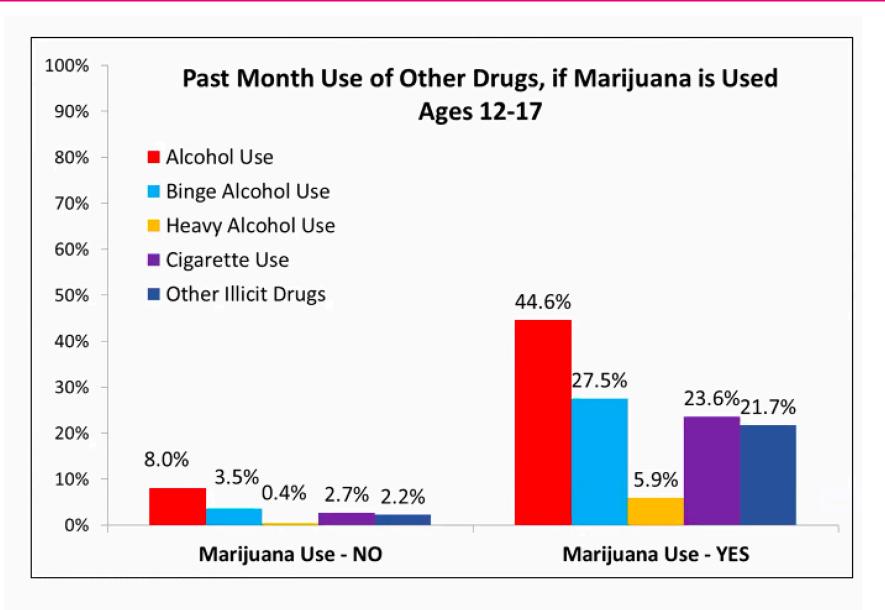
liquor, marijuana

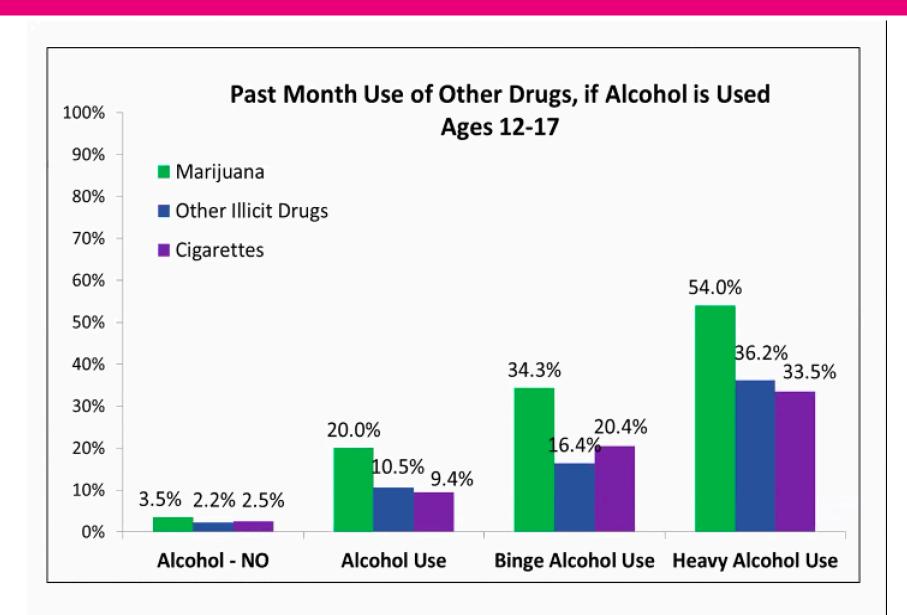


e-cigarettes, cigarettes, beer/wine



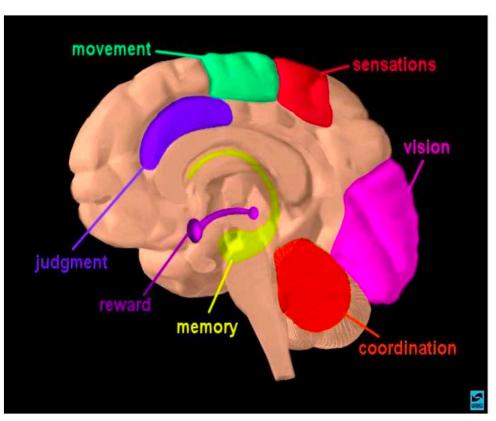






### Marijuana

#### Marijuana/CBD and the Brain



- Marijuana is a psycho-active substance – it is meant to affect your brain; "high" "wasted"
- Not surprisingly: CO and WA show a significant increase in road traffic accidents due to impaired driving because of marijuana





#### In adults, marijuana does affect the brain...

## But in children, adolescents, young adults: marijuana affects the brain DEVELOPMENT

- marijuana use has been shown to reduce IQ by an average of 8 points (1)
- regular marijuana users have lower grades, less likely to graduate from high school or college; lower satisfaction with life, earn lower income, greater unemployment (2)
- One in six (!) will develop a life long substance abuse problem (3)
- And we have no way to predict who it could very well be your child\*
- Vomiting, psychosis
- 1. Meier et al., 2012 Proc Nat Ac Sciences
- 2. MTF Survey; Cobb--Clark et al, 2013; Silins et al 2014; Tucker et al 2005; Homel et al, 2014; Volkow et al 2014; Fergusson and Boden 2008; Brooks et al 2013
- 3. National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse Report, 2011

#### Who is this made for?





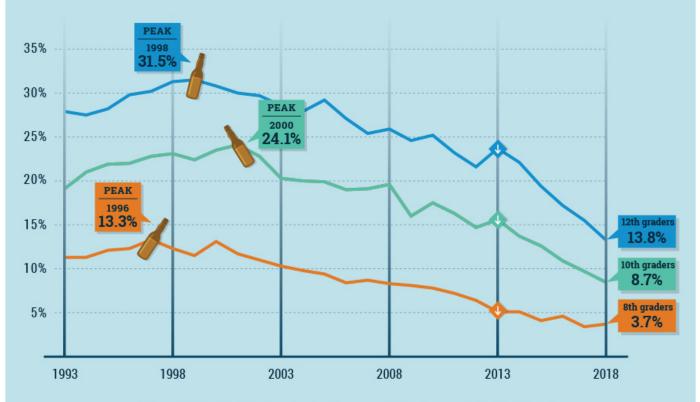




Source: Marijuana Business Journal; other open source media

#### **Alcohol**

#### BINGE DRINKING\* RATES CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND



\*Binge drinking is defined as having 5 or more drinks in a row in the last 2 weeks.

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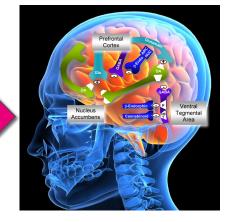




#### The Big Picture















prescription painkiller

\$20-\$80

per pill X 5+ per day)





lying, working extra jobs, stealing, 20 bucks?" can I have

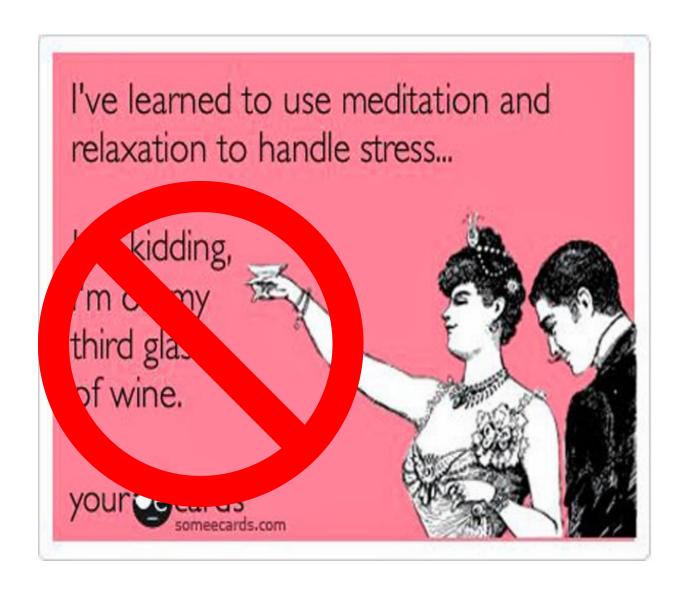




### You Are Important!



#### **Modeling Behavior**



#### **Frequent Conversations**

What do you think of Selena Gomez's drug

What is that funny smell?

How is a good way to "say no"
Without saying no?

What are healthy ways to deal with stress?

Let's figure out a code that you can use to let me know you are in an uncomfortable situation.

What would you do if your best friend tried an e-cigarette?