

Outline

1: Introduction

a) Hook

b) Background

c) Thesis Statement:

Drug addiction is a complex and chronic disease characterized by compulsive, or uncontrollable, drug seeking and use despite harmful consequences and change in the brain, which can be long-lasting.

The cause and effects of drug addiction are multifaceted, involving an interplay of genetic, environmental, and psychological factors, leading to a range of social, physical, and mental health consequences.

2: Causes of Drug Addiction Among Youth

(i) Social Influence

(a) Peer Pressure

(b) Family Dynamics

(c) Socioeconomic factors (stress, Access)

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(i) Psychological factors

- (a) Mental Health (Depression, anxiety)
- (b) Self Medication (e.g, pain, anxiety)
- (c) Cognitive factors & Beliefs, expectations)

(ii) Family Factors

- (a) Parental Influence
- (b) Support system
- (c) Environment (Home)

(iv) Genetic factors

- (a) Heredity Risk
- (b) Genetic Predisposition

3) Consequences of Drug Addiction
Among Youth

(i) Effect on Health

Physical Health (liver, heart, lungs
damage)

Mental Health

Behavioral Risks

(ii) Social Impact

- (a) Relationships (Strained family /
Friend relationships)

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Increased crime

Lost opportunities

(iii) Economic Impact

Health care costs

Productivity loss

Addiction Treatment.

4) Conclusion

“The Essay”

Al-Anon and NarAnon

says on drug Addiction “Addiction is a family disease; one person may use but the whole family suffers”

This quote describes the profound impact of substance abuse, asserting that the dysfunction is not limited to the individual struggling with addiction. Instead, it acts like a virus, spreading to every member of the household. Family members live in

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a state of fear, anxiety and constant unsure of the addict behavior or safety. Children raised in these homes are at higher risk of developing their own addictions, not just through genetic vulnerability but through "learned behaviors" and ~~inter~~ intergenerational trauma. The Drug Addiction Among Youth is caused by the combination of social influence, psychological factors, family factors and genetic factors. The consequences of drug addiction⁺ are Effect on health, Social Impact, and economic impact.