



TARGET AMERICA:

Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause



Making Connections C

After your visit to the Target America Exhibit, answer the statements below as True or False. In #15 and #16 make your connection to the information learned from the exhibit. Please use these statements as a basis for a discussion to share about the exhibit.

1. Children are not affected by drug use and drug users.
2. Street drugs are unsafe in part because their purity is not known. They could be mixed with other toxic chemicals or drugs.
3. Many drugs, including methamphetamine and heroin, can depress the respiratory system and could lead to death.
4. Pharmaceutical drug abuse is not a problem in the U.S. especially not in Florida.
5. Drug addiction is a chronic, progressive disease characterized by compulsive seeking and use of drugs in the face of negative consequences.
6. Six out of ten substance abusers suffer from mental disease, often going to hospitals, institutions or jail.
7. Most babies with AIDS are born to mothers or fathers who have used drugs intravenously.
8. The reward circuit within the brain includes a chemical called dopamine, which triggers feelings of pleasure and reward.
9. Hallucinogens such as LSD make you see the world more realistic and creative.
10. Some methamphetamine labs have deadly results because they use chemicals that are explosive and toxic.
11. Marijuana is not harmful or addicting because it is a natural herbal plant.
12. Inhalants may smell strong but really don't harm your brain or respiratory system.
13. Steroids are a drug of choice for some athletes who perceive that they will be more competitive or more muscular.
14. Addiction treatment can be effective and successful, allowing an addict in recovery hope for a new life.

