

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIVISION

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MISSION Statement

Working together to achieve hope, healing and a meaningful life in the community.

VISION Statement

People with mental illness and addictions recover to achieve their hopes and dreams, enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their community.

VALUES Statements

Hope, Healing, Community, Authority

- We honor the potential in everyone
- We value the whole person – mind, body and spirit
- We focus on the person, not the illness
- We embrace diversity and cultural competence
- We acknowledge that relapse is not a personal failure
- We recognize authority over our lives empowers us to make choices, solve problems and plan for the future



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Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

Kern County Mental Health has been accredited by CARF for the following programs: Mental Health Programs- Case Management; Children and Adolescents-Case Management & Crisis Stabilization; Integrated Alcohol & Other Drugs-Case Management & Children & Adolescents-Case Management; Employment Services-Community Employment Services



Kern County Mental Health Department

*Working together toward
Hope, Recovery and Independence*

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Substance Abuse System of Care is a division of the Mental Health Department. Services cover a continuum of care from primary prevention to treatment and recovery. In the System of Care we believe drug abuse is preventable and drug addiction is treatable.

Programs and services offered include:

- ◆ Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- ◆ Primary Prevention
- ◆ Proposition 36
- ◆ Drinking Driver Programs
- ◆ PC 1000 Programs
- ◆ SUD screening, access, and referral
- ◆ Adolescent Treatment
- ◆ CalWORKs Behavioral Health
- ◆ SLE Certification
- ◆ Integrated Primary Care Programs

What is drug addiction?

Addiction is defined as a chronic, relapsing brain disease that is characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, despite harmful consequences.

It is considered a brain disease because drugs change the brain - they change its structure and how it works. These brain changes can be long lasting, and can lead to the harmful behaviors seen in people who abuse drugs.

Facts About Drug Abuse

No single factor determines whether a person will become addicted to drugs.

Children's earliest interactions within the family are crucial to their healthy development and risk for drug abuse.

Addiction is a developmental disease - it typically begins in childhood or adolescence.

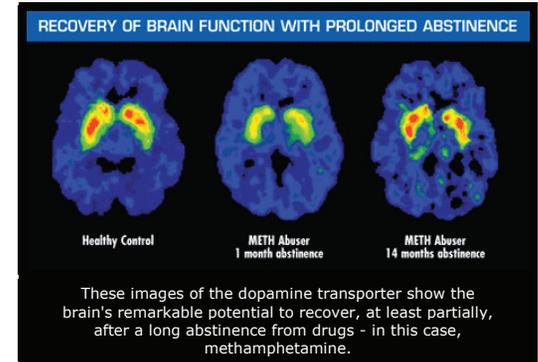
Drug use decreases when drugs are perceived as harmful.

Long-term drug abuse impairs brain functioning.

Drug abuse and HIV/AIDS are intertwined epidemics.

Tobacco use is responsible for an estimated five million deaths worldwide each year.

Addiction need not be a life sentence.



Does drug abuse cause mental disorders, or vice versa?

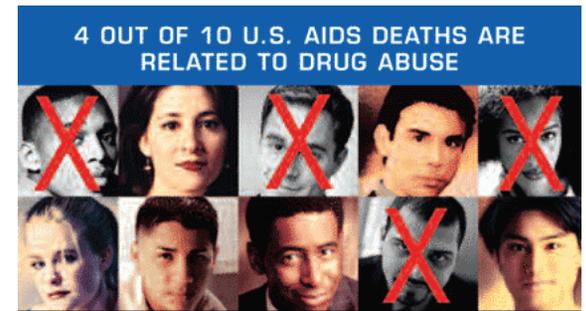
Drug abuse and mental disorders often co-exist. In some cases, mental diseases may precede addiction; in other cases, drug abuse may trigger or exacerbate mental disorders, particularly in individuals with specific vulnerabilities.

What harmful consequences to others result from drug addiction?

Negative effects of prenatal drug exposure on infants and children.

Negative effects of second-hand smoke.

Increased spread of infectious diseases.



Statistics obtained from the National Institute on Drug Abuse

