TREATING ILLICIT DRUG @ OPIOID USE

in Youth and Young Adults

Among young adults aged 18-25:



1 in 4 -- or 8 MILLION -- have used illicit drugs in the past month

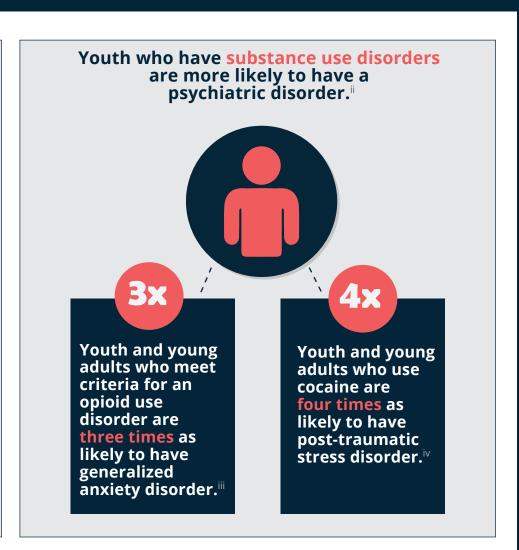


7.3% -- *or 2.5 MILLION* -- have misused opiods in the past year



7% -- or 2.4 MILLION -- currently have an illicit drug use disorder

For these categories, the percentage of users proportionate to the size of the group was the highest for the young adult group (when compared to ages 12-17 and ages 26 or older).



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(for medical, mental health, and substance use disorder providers):

- Implement screening to identify substance use concerns^v
- Consider technology-based interventions^{vi}
- Ensure a smooth process for referral to **medication-assisted treatment** (MAT) providers and substance use disorder counseling^{vii}
- Practice safe opioid prescribing systems with clearly defined protocols and procedures
- Be aware of the impact of co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses in the adolescent population^{ix}
- Use **youth-driven treatment plans** to strengthen the influence of current interventions^x
- Educate patients on the **health risks** of sharing syringes and other drug preparation equipment^{xi}
- **Involve the parents** (or caregivers) in the treatment process^{xii}
- Support workforce training for providers to develop the skills and knowledge needed to work with youth and young adults and their families

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