

Prescription Drug Abuse

- Every day, 2,500 teenagers use prescription drugs to get high for the first time.
- 12 to 17 year olds abuse prescription drugs more than they abuse ecstasy, cocaine, heroin and meth combined.
- 60% of all teens who have abused prescription drugs did so before the age of 15.
- There are as many new abusers of prescription drugs ages 12-17 as there are new users of marijuana.
- Nearly 1.3 million Americans age 12 and older abuse prescription drugs and have required treatment.
- 10.5% of surveyed 12th graders reported using Vicodin at least once in the past 12 months without having a prescription or a doctors consent. And 4.5% reported using OxyCotin.
- Over 9 million people use prescription drugs for non medical reasons.