

# BELLEVILLE AREA CARES COALITION

## **AODA PREVENTION**

**NEWSLETTER** 

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# Stimulants (Meth/Cocaine/Prescription Stimulants)

# Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine, also known as meth, crystal meth, crystal, Tina, or crank, is a stimulant that affects the central nervous system, producing feelings of euphoria and increased energy. Common methods of Meth use include ingestion via pill form, injection, smoking via meth pipe and/or snorted. From 2013 to 2017, there was an estimated 167% increase in people testing positive for meth as part of job-related screenings throughout the Midwest, including Wisconsin.

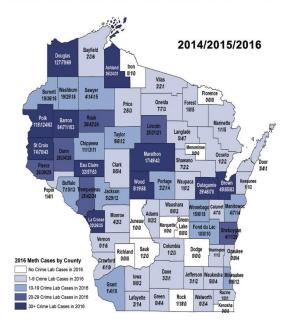
### **Short-Term Effects:**

- Increased attention and decreased fatigue
- Increased activity and wakefulness
- Decreased appetite
- Euphoria and rush
- Increased respiration
- Rapid/irregular heartbeat
- Hyperthermia

### In 2015, meth use cost Wisconsin \$424 million:

Drug Treatment – \$9.9 million
Health Care – \$6.4 million
Intangibles/premature death – \$301.5 million
Productivity – \$12.5 million
Crime and criminal justice – \$76.3 million
Child endangerment – \$16.4 million
Production/environment – \$1.1 million

### Meth submissions to state crimb lab



# **Long-Term Effects:**

- Addiction
- Psychosis, including:
  - Paranoia
  - Hallucinations
- Repetitive motor activity
- Changes in brain structure and function
- Deficits in thinking and motor skills
- Increased distractibility
- Memory loss
- Aggressive or violent behavior
- Mood disturbances
- Severe dental problems
- Weight loss

## Cocaine

Cocaine comes from the coco plant, which originated in the Andean highlands of South America. The pure chemical of cocaine hydrochloride was first extracted in the mid 1900s, and it was popular for both medical and legal recreational use for decades after. Medical professionals then realized the negative health effects and addictive nature of Cocaine and its recreational use became illegal in 1914.



## **Short-Term Effects**

Restlessness

Irritability

Anxiety

Paranoia

Hallucinations

Unpredictable violent/aggressive behavior

Dry mouth

Reduced appetite

# **Long-Term Effects**

Irregular heartbeat

Chest pain

Hypertension

Abdominal pain and nau-

sea

Seizures

Headaches

Insomnia and exhaustion

Depression

Anxiety

Paranoia

**Psvchosis** 

Hallucinations

Light and sound sensitivity

Weight loss and eating

disorders

Sexual dysfunction

Cerebral atrophy and

impaired thinking

Bizarre, aggressive or violent

behavior

Heart attack

Stroke

# **Prescription Stimulants**

Prescription stimulants are medicines generally used to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy—uncontrollable episodes of deep sleep. They increase alertness, attention, and energy.

Common Prescription Stimulants include:

- Dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine)
- Dextroamphetamine/amphetamine combination product (Adderall)
- Methylphenidate (Ritalin, Concerta)



# **Short-Term Effects**

Increased blood pressure and heart rate Increased breathing
Decreased blood flow
Increased blood sugar
Opened-up breathing passages



# **Long-Term Effects**

Permanent damage to blood vessels of heart and brain, high blood pressure leading to heart attacks, strokes and death Liver, kidney and lung damage

Destruction of tissues in nose if sniffed

Infectious diseases and abscesses if injected

Malnutrition, weight loss Disorientation, apathy, confused exhaustion Strong psychological dependence Psychosis

Depression

Damage to the brain including strokes and possibly epilepsy

# Vaping (E-Cigs/Juul)

# **Quick History**

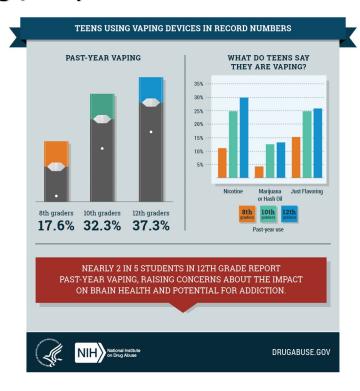
The first e-cigarette was introduced in the US in 2007. The thought was that individuals who smoke cigarettes and wanted to quit that this could be a tool assist with that. The popularity of this device rose over the years, In 2011 there were about 7 million adult e-cigarette users globally, rising to 68 million in 2020.

### **Teens and Juul**

In 2015 JUUL introduced their E-cigarette and their main target audience was youth.

How do we know this:

- Offering Scholarships
  - Several e-cigarette companies are offering scholarships, ranging from \$250 to \$5,000, that involve asking students to write essays on topics like whether vaping could have potential benefits



- Creating a buzz on social media
  - For its launch in 2015, JUUL spent more than \$1 million to market the product on the internet, according to one research study. The brand has paid for campaigns on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube to promote images and company-sponsored ads that associate JUUL with being cool, having fun, relaxation, freedom and sex appeal.
  - Advertisements pulled in 2019
- Sponsoring Musical Festivals and Events
  - In 2013, Blu eCigs sponsored the Sasquatch! Music Festival in Washington, which featured a vapor lounge with surprise guest appearances from top performers, device charging stations, an interactive social media photo booth and samples of blu eCigs.
  - More recently, JUUL sponsored a "Music in Film Summit" at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival in Utah.
- Introducing appealing flavors
  - E-cigarette companies capitalize on this gap in regulation by offering kid-friendly flavors, such as cotton candy and gummy bear, and packaging e-liquids to look like common food items.
  - In 2020 the FDA announced a ban on almost all flavored vaping cartridges and pods (including mint and fruity or sweet flavors)

# **Common Side Effects**

Burning or scratchy feeling in mouth, lips and throat Cough

Dizziness

Dry/sore mouth and throat

Headache

Heart palpitations

Shortness of breath

Sleepiness

Weakened taste

# **Long-Term Effects**

While the long-term side effects of vaping aren't well known, Juul and other ecigarettes have been linked to serious health problems,



such as severe lung injuries, seizures, nicotine addiction and poisoning, and an increased risk of heart attacks and strokes.

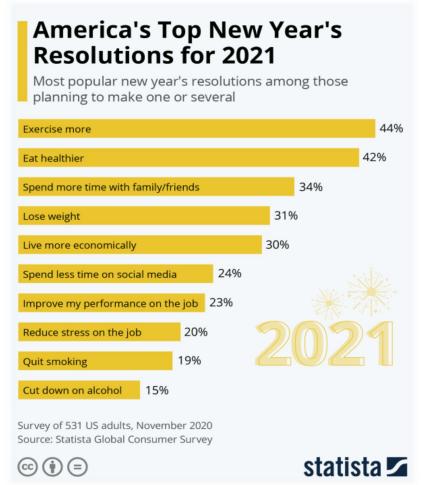
# New Year. New Me.

### **New Year's Resolutions**

A New Year's resolution is a way for a person to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their life at the start of a new year. Resolutions are a way for us to quantify what we wish for ourselves and help us catalogue our person dissatisfactions. Perhaps most importantly, they are a method of erasing errors of the past year. At least 40% of people in the United States set New Year's resolutions.

Why do people make New Year's resolutions?

- It is a tradition/most common practice in the United States
- Hit the proverbial "reset button"
- A resolution is like a promise to us to improve our lives and to make the New Year a better one for ourselves and others.



### Fail to Maintain...

Studies show that 8% of Americans who make a New Year's resolution actually keep them all year and 80% have failed by the start of February.

### Why is this:

- Treating a marathon like a sprint: Immediately wanting is all and wanting it now.
- Not believing in oneself: If you've tried (and failed) to set a New Year's resolution (or several) in the past, you may have doubt of completing one in the New Year
- Too much thinking, not enough doing
- Don't track you progress
- Trying too hard
- No Social Support
- Knowing what you want but not knowing why



# How to stay true to New Year's Resolutions

### Be Realistic

• Strive for a goal that is attainable, such as avoiding it more often than you do now.

#### Plan Ahead

• If you wait until the last minute, it will be based on your mindset that particular day. Instead, it should be planned well before December 31st arrives.

### • Outline Your Plan

 Decide how you will deal with the temptation to skip that exercise class or have that piece of cake. This could include calling on a friend for help, practicing positive thinking and self-talk, or reminding yourself how your "bad behavior" will affect your goal.

#### Make a "Pros" and "Cons" List

• It may help to see a list of items on paper to keep your motivation strong. Develop this list over time, and ask others to contribute to it. Keep your list with you and refer to it when you need help keeping your resolve.

#### Talk About It

Tell friends and family members who will be there to support your resolve to change yourself
for the better or improve your health. The best-case scenario is to find a buddy who shares
your New Year's resolution and motivate each other.

### Reward Yourself

• Celebrate your success by treating yourself to something you enjoy that doesn't contradict your resolution. If you have been sticking to your promise to eat better, for example, reward yourself with new fitness clothing or by going to a movie with a friend.

### Track Your Progress

Keep track of each small success. Short-term goals are easier to keep, and each small accomplishment will help keep you motivated. Instead of focusing on losing 30 pounds, focus on losing the first five. Keep a food journal to help you stay on track, and reward yourself for each five pounds lost.

### Don't Beat Yourself Up

Obsessing over the occasional slip won't help you achieve your goal. Do the best you can each
day, and take one day at a time.

#### Stick to it

• Experts say it takes about 21 days for a new activity to become a habit and six months for it to become part of your personality. It won't happen overnight, so be persistent and patient!

#### Keep Trying

- If you have totally run out of steam when it comes to keeping your resolution by mid-February, don't despair. Start over again!
- Recommit yourself for 24 hours. You can do anything for 24 hours.
  - The 24-hour increments will soon build on each other and, before you know it, you will be back on track.

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Balloons	Frosty	Igloo	Resolution	Snowflakes
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Boots	Gloves	Migrate	Singing	Thaw
Celebration	Hat	Mittens	Shovel	Toboggan
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Belleville is a small community southwest of Madison in Dane and Green Counties. Belleville is a special place to visit because of its natural beauty, recreational activities and friendly people and atmosphere. Belleville is a great community for families seeking a solid educational system along with the natural amenities of the community.

The Belleville Area Cares Coalition came into existence following a town hall meeting in April of 2014.

We are comprised of local representatives from schools, businesses, churches, village administration as well as parents, and youth—all working together to promote healthy lifestyles

More information can be found at : https://www.bellevillewicares.org/

The Belleville Area Cares
Coalition works to develop,
implement and support
environmental strategies to
reduce substance abuse.

We believe by working together, we can nurture social and environmental changes to make the Belleville area a safer and healthier place, brightening the future of our children, youth and families.



BACC meetings are held on the 4th
Tuesday of each month at 4:45 pm in the
Belleville Village Hall.

### **BACC Mission Statement**

"The mission of Belleville's
Area Cares Coalition is to
promote a healthy
community for youth and
young adults, free of
alcohol and other drug
abuse."

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

The BAAC asks you to give the gift of time. Make a difference in the lives of our youth and our community by

- Working with us in providing support for planning, project management and awareness campaigns
- 2. Helping with coalition events, conferences, workshops, and fairs held throughout the year.
- Being a voice for change in our community, it is time to come together and be that force for change in the Belleville area.