



# BRIGHT FUTURES HANDOUT ► PATIENT

## 15 THROUGH 17 YEAR VISITS

Here are some suggestions from Bright Futures experts that may be of value to you and your family.

### ✓ HOW YOU ARE DOING

- Enjoy spending time with your family. Look for ways you can help at home.
- Find ways to work with your family to solve problems. Follow your family's rules.
- Form healthy friendships and find fun, safe things to do with friends.
- Set high goals for yourself in school and activities and for your future.
- Try to be responsible for your schoolwork and for getting to school or work on time.
- Find ways to deal with stress. Talk with your parents or other trusted adults if you need help.
- Always talk through problems and never use violence.
- If you get angry with someone, walk away if you can.
- Call for help if you are in a situation that feels dangerous.
- Healthy dating relationships are built on respect, concern, and doing things both of you like to do.
- When you're dating or in a sexual situation, "No" means NO. NO is OK.
- Don't smoke, vape, use drugs, or drink alcohol. Talk with us if you are worried about alcohol or drug use in your family.

### ✓ YOUR FEELINGS

- Be proud of yourself when you do something good.
- Figure out healthy ways to deal with stress.
- Develop ways to solve problems and make good decisions.
- It's OK to feel up sometimes and down others, but if you feel sad most of the time, let us know so we can help you.
- It's important for you to have accurate information about sexuality, your physical development, and your sexual feelings toward the opposite or same sex. Please consider asking us if you have any questions.

### ✓ HEALTHY BEHAVIOR CHOICES

- Choose friends who support your decision to not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. Support friends who choose not to use.
- Avoid situations with alcohol or drugs.
- Don't share your prescription medicines. Don't use other people's medicines.
- Not having sex is the safest way to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
- Plan how to avoid sex and risky situations.
- If you're sexually active, protect against pregnancy and STIs by correctly and consistently using birth control along with a condom.
- Protect your hearing at work, home, and concerts. Keep your earbud volume down.

### ✓ YOUR DAILY LIFE

- Visit the dentist at least twice a year.
- Brush your teeth at least twice a day and floss once a day.
- Be a healthy eater. It helps you do well in school and sports.
  - Have vegetables, fruits, lean protein, and whole grains at meals and snacks.
  - Limit fatty, sugary, and salty foods that are low in nutrients, such as candy, chips, and ice cream.
  - Eat when you're hungry. Stop when you feel satisfied.
  - Eat with your family often.
  - Eat breakfast.
- Drink plenty of water. Choose water instead of soda or sports drinks.
- Make sure to get enough calcium every day.
- Have 3 or more servings of low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk and other low-fat dairy products, such as yogurt and cheese.
- Aim for at least 1 hour of physical activity every day.
- Wear your mouth guard when playing sports.
- Get enough sleep.

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## STAYING SAFE

- Always be a safe and cautious driver.
  - Insist that everyone use a lap and shoulder seat belt.
  - Limit the number of friends in the car and avoid driving at night.
  - Avoid distractions. Never text or talk on the phone while you drive.
- Do not ride in a vehicle with someone who has been using drugs or alcohol.
  - If you feel unsafe driving or riding with someone, call someone you trust to drive you.
- Wear helmets and protective gear while playing sports. Wear a helmet when riding a bike, a motorcycle, or an ATV or when skiing or skateboarding. Wear a life jacket when you do water sports.
- Always use sunscreen and a hat when you're outside.
- Fighting and carrying weapons can be dangerous. Talk with your parents, teachers, or doctor about how to avoid these situations.

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# Getting the Right Start

## STUDENT GUIDE TO MENTAL HEALTH

### KNOW THE 10 COMMON WARNING SIGNS



- 1 Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than two weeks
- 2 Seriously trying to harm or kill oneself or making plans to do so
- 3 Severe out-of-control, risk-taking behaviors
- 4 Sudden, overwhelming fear for no reason
- 5 Not eating, throwing up or using laxatives to lose weight; significant weight loss or weight gain
- 6 Seeing, hearing or believing things that are not real
- 7 Repeatedly using drugs or alcohol
- 8 Drastic changes in mood, behavior, personality or sleeping habits
- 9 Extreme difficulty in concentrating or staying still
- 10 Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities

### WORRIED? TELL SOMEONE

- ✓ A FAMILY MEMBER
- ✓ CLOSE FRIEND
- ✓ TEACHER OR PROFESSOR
- ✓ COUNSELOR OR COACH
- ✓ FAITH LEADER



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

1 in 5

youth and young adults lives with a mental health condition



### WHAT TO SAY

I haven't felt right lately and I don't know what to do. Can I talk to you about it?

I'm having a really hard time lately, will you go with me to see someone?

I'm worried about stuff that's going on right now, do you have time to talk?



### WHAT TO DO



Getting help early for mental health matters in keeping your life on track.



Your first stop is your primary care doctor, to rule out other physical health conditions



Be honest about what you're feeling and be clear about what you want

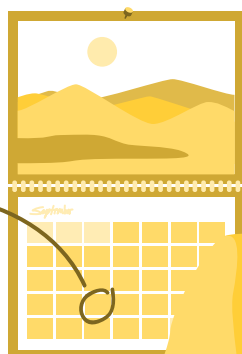


Ask for help finding a therapist or mental health specialist that works for you

### KEEP IN MIND

It can take a while to get an appointment with a specialist.

If you need to see a specialist right away, speak up to get an appointment sooner.



### CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Lots of youth and young adults live with a mental health condition. You can connect with them at [OK2Talk.org](http://OK2Talk.org). Also, look in your community for peer and support groups and you will discover that you are not alone.

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# TIPS for TEENS

## E-CIGARETTES

### THE TRUTH ABOUT E-CIGARETTES



**SLANG: E-CIGS/E-HOOKAHS/  
VAPE PENS/VAPES/  
TANK SYSTEMS/MODS**

## GET THE FACTS

#### **E-CIGARETTES ARE A WAY TO INHALE NICOTINE AND MARIJUANA.**

The aerosol emitted can also contain other harmful substances, including heavy metals such as lead, volatile organic compounds, and cancer-causing agents.<sup>1</sup>

**E-CIGARETTES COME IN MANY SHAPES AND SIZES.** Some resemble pens, USB sticks, and other everyday items. Larger devices such as tank systems, or “mods,” do not resemble other tobacco products.

**E-CIGARETTE USE HARMS THE DEVELOPING BRAIN.** E-cigarettes typically deliver nicotine, a harmful drug to the youth brain and body. Teens are particularly vulnerable to the effects of nicotine since the brain is still developing during these years and through young adulthood.<sup>2</sup> People who use marijuana in an e-cigarette may experience the same side effects as they would if they smoked marijuana—all of which can be heightened if the person uses marijuana with another substance, such as alcohol.<sup>3</sup>

## ? Q&A

**Q. AREN'T E-CIGARETTES SAFER THAN SMOKING CIGARETTES OR USING SMOKELESS TOBACCO?**

**A.** Regular cigarettes are extraordinarily dangerous, killing half of all people who smoke long-term. However, youth use of tobacco products in any form is unsafe, including e-cigarettes. More research is needed to fully understand their impact on health.

**Q. CAN'T E-CIGARETTES HELP ME QUIT SMOKING REGULAR CIGARETTES?**

**A.** E-cigarettes may help non-pregnant adult smokers if used as a complete substitute for all cigarettes. However, there is no conclusive evidence that using e-cigarettes helps someone quit smoking for good.<sup>4</sup> The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved seven “quit aids” for quitting smoking, but e-cigarettes are not currently one of them.

**Q. AREN'T E-CIGARETTES USED MORE OFTEN BY ADULTS, NOT YOUTH?**

**A.** Youth are more likely than adults to use e-cigarettes. In 2018, more than 3.6 million U.S. middle and high school students used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days, including 4.9 percent of middle school students and 20.8 percent of high school students.<sup>5</sup>

#### **THE BOTTOM LINE:**

E-cigarettes are unsafe for young people. Whether a young person uses nicotine or marijuana in an e-cigarette, there can be dangerous health consequences.

#### **LEARN MORE:**

Get the latest information on how drugs affect the brain and body at [teens.drugabuse.gov](https://teens.drugabuse.gov).

#### **TO LEARN MORE ABOUT E-CIGARETTES, CONTACT:**

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# BEFORE YOU RISK IT!

1

**KNOW THE LAW.** People ages 18 and older are allowed to buy e-cigarettes in most states—other states have an age requirement of 19 or 21. However, just because e-cigarettes are legal for adults to purchase doesn't mean they are safe, especially for young people.<sup>6</sup>

2

**KNOW THE RISKS.** Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm the developing adolescent brain. The nicotine in e-cigarettes and other tobacco products can also prime young brains for addiction to other drugs, such as cocaine and methamphetamine.<sup>7</sup>

3

**LOOK AROUND YOU.** E-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among youth. However, four out of five U.S. students overestimate peer e-cigarette use. If you've never smoked or used other tobacco products or e-cigarettes, don't start.<sup>8</sup>



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## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP SOMEONE WHO IS USING E-CIGARETTES?

### BE A FRIEND.

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (2018). Electronic cigarettes. *Smoking & Tobacco Use*. Retrieved from [https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm)

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# TIPS for TEENS

## OPIOIDS

### THE TRUTH ABOUT OPIOIDS

**SLANG: O.C./OXY/PERCS/VIKE/M/MONKEY/  
WHITE STUFF/LEAN/SCHOOLBOY/SIZZURP/  
PURPLE DRANK/LOADS**

## GET THE FACTS

**OPIOIDS AFFECT YOUR BRAIN.** Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and pain relievers available legally by prescription, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and many others.<sup>1</sup> They affect both the spinal cord and brain to reduce the intensity of pain-signal perception as well as brain areas that control emotion.<sup>2</sup> They can also affect the brain to cause euphoria or “high.”<sup>3</sup>

**OPIOIDS AFFECT YOUR BODY.** Opioids slow down the actions of the body, such as breathing and heartbeat. Even a single dose of an opioid can cause severe respiratory depression (slowing or stopping of breathing), which can be fatal; taking opioids with alcohol or sedatives increases this risk.<sup>4</sup>

**OPIOIDS ARE ADDICTIVE.** Even though heroin is highly addictive, more people struggle with addiction to prescription pain relievers.<sup>5</sup> Many young people who inject heroin report misuse of prescription opioids before starting to use heroin.<sup>6</sup>

**OPIOIDS CAN KILL YOU.** Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, with 68,690 drug overdose deaths between March 2017 and March 2018.<sup>7</sup> More than 46,000 of those deaths involved opioids.<sup>8</sup>

**OPIOID ADDICTION IS TREATABLE.** Methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone are medications that are FDA-approved to treat opioid use disorder. For more information, visit <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/medications-to-treat-opioid-addiction/efficacy-medications-opioid-use-disorder>.

## ? Q&A

**Q. MY DOCTOR PRESCRIBED ME OPIOIDS. DOESN'T THAT MEAN THEY'RE SAFE?**

**A.** Prescription opioids—when used long term or incorrectly—can cause the brain to become reliant on the drug and are addictive.<sup>9</sup>

**Q. IF I USE OPIOIDS, WILL I BECOME ADDICTED?**

**A.** Prescription opioids can cause physical dependence when used as directed or addiction if misused; illegal opioids such as heroin are also highly addictive. People who regularly use prescription opioids or heroin often develop tolerance, which means that they need higher and/or more frequent doses of the drug to get the desired effects.<sup>10</sup>

### THE BOTTOM LINE:

Many people are prescribed opioids out of medical necessity, but opioids can still be dangerous and addictive. Even if someone is prescribed one of these medications—such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, and morphine—misuse of these substances is rampant. Talk to your parents, a doctor, a counselor, a teacher, or another adult you trust if you have questions.

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# BEFORE YOU RISK IT!

- 1** **KNOW THE LAW.** Heroin is illegal and addictive.<sup>11</sup> If you are caught with prescription opioids that are not yours, you can be imprisoned, fined, or both.<sup>12</sup>
- 2** **KNOW THE RISKS.** Using opioids repeatedly can lead to higher tolerance.<sup>13</sup> Other risks include addiction and overdose death.
- 3** **LOOK AROUND YOU.** A recent study found that 38.5 percent of the people who misused prescription pain relievers got them from a friend or relative for free; 34.6 percent were prescribed the medication by one doctor.<sup>14</sup>



## KNOW THE SIGNS

How can you tell if a friend is using opioids?

Side effects of opioid use include:<sup>15</sup>

- **Constipation, nausea, vomiting, and dry mouth;**
- **Sleepiness and dizziness;**
- **Confusion;**
- **Decreased breathing; and**
- **Itching and sweating.**

Behavioral signs and symptoms of opioid addiction include:<sup>16</sup>

- **A change in peer group;**
- **Carelessness with grooming;**
- **Decline in academic performance;**
- **Missing classes or skipping school;**
- **Loss of interest in favorite activities;**
- **Changes in eating or sleeping habits; and**
- **Deteriorating relationships with family and friends.**



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<sup>6</sup> National Institute on Drug Abuse. (2018). Prescription opioids and heroin. *Research Report Series*. Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/relationship-between-prescription-drug-heroin-abuse/prescription-opioid-use-risk-factor-heroin-use>

<sup>7</sup> National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). (2018). Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

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<sup>15</sup> National Institute on Drug Abuse. (2014). *Principles of adolescent substance use disorder treatment: A research-based guide*. Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/principles-adolescent-substance-use-disorder-treatment-research-based-guide/frequently-asked-questions/what-are-signs-drug-use-in-adolescents-what-role-can-parents-play-in-getting-treatment>

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