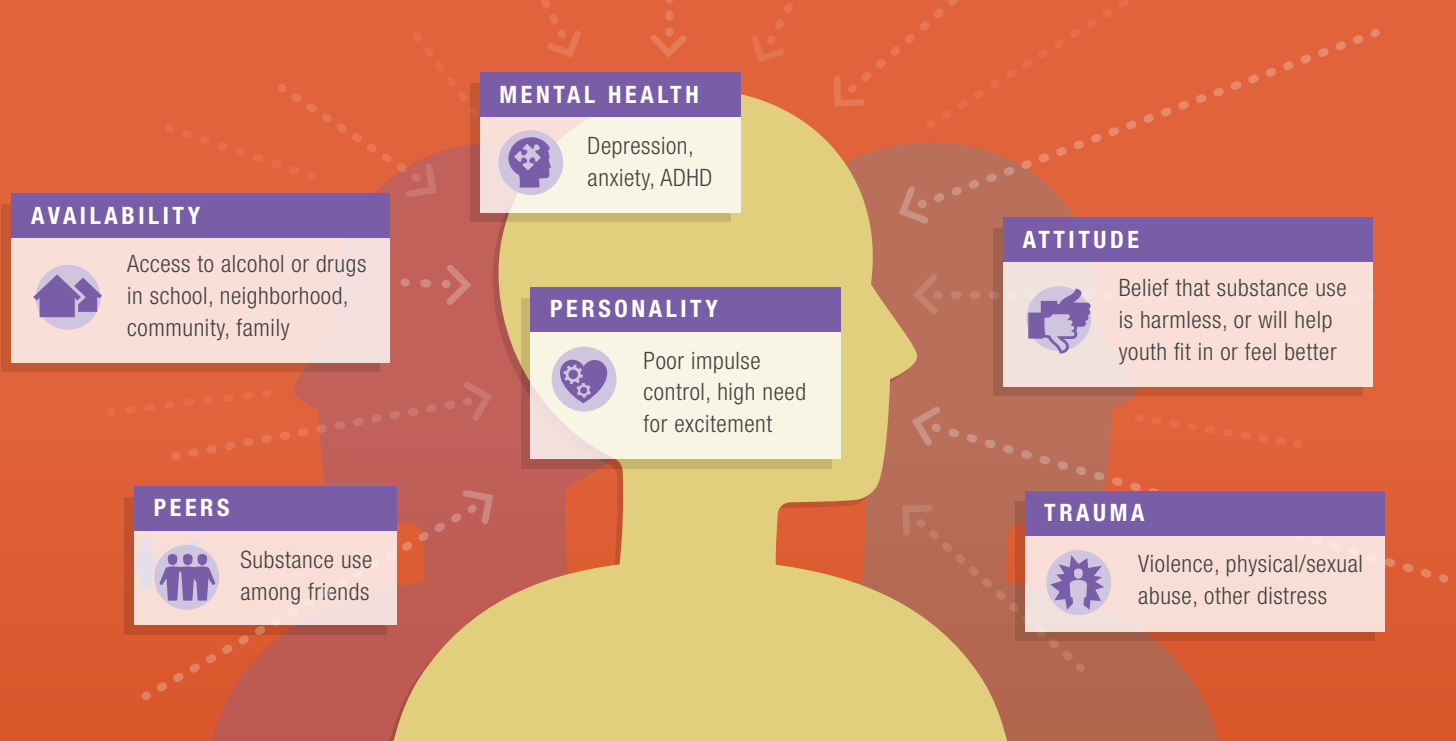


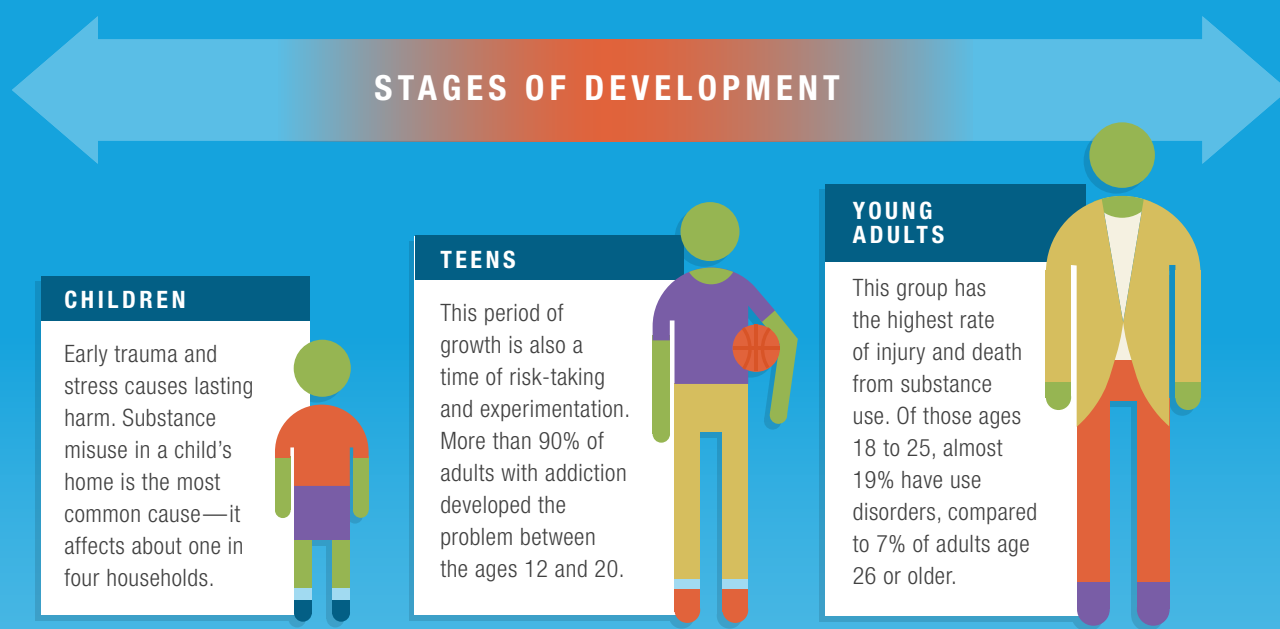
IDENTIFYING EARLY WARNING SIGNS: Addressing youth substance use

Youth are especially vulnerable to developing substance use disorders, which carry the potential for life-altering consequences. The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's strategy focuses on screening and early intervention.

Many factors influence whether a young person tries alcohol or other drugs.

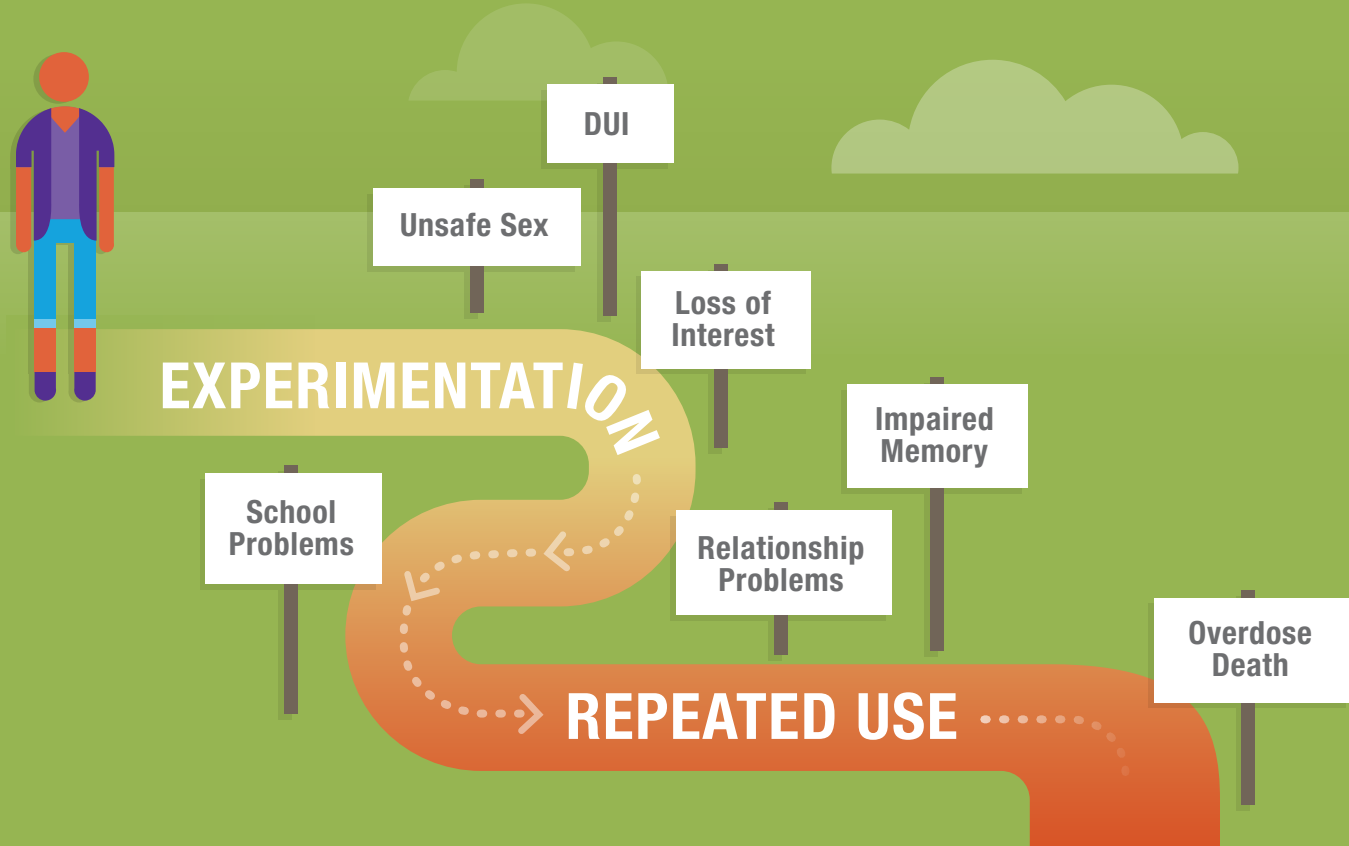


Young people who use alcohol or other drugs before age 15 are five times more likely to develop a substance use disorder.



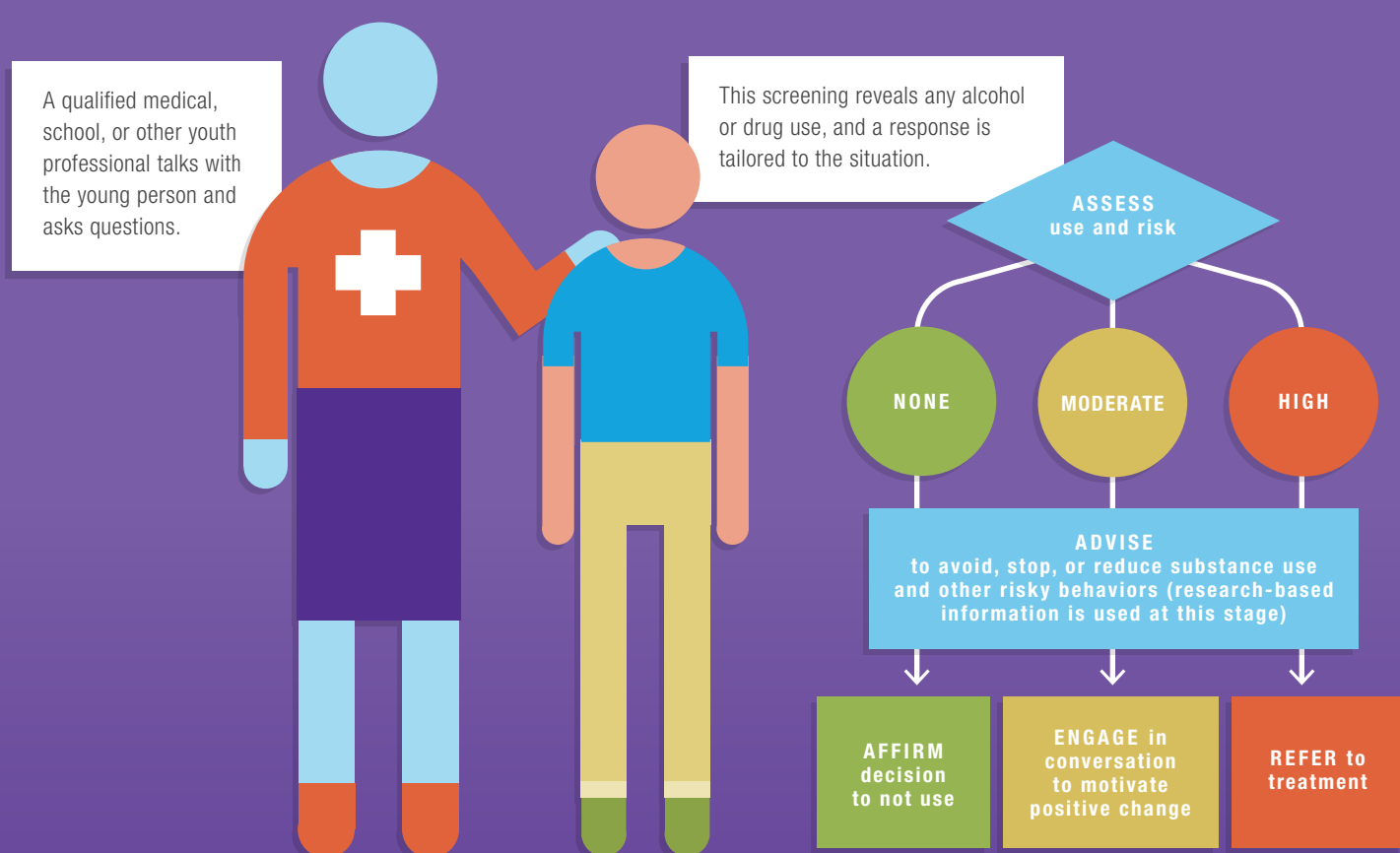
Teen years: The critical time of vulnerability

Prevention and early intervention can help limit experimentation and reduce risky behavior before repeated use poses serious social and health problems. A range of influences affect development and resilience, making it hard to predict who will develop substance use disorders. Changes in behavior can provide opportunities to intervene.



Screening and early intervention: A practical, proven approach

Adolescent substance use must be identified and addressed early.



Advancing the approach: Our strategic initiative

The Hilton Foundation partners with healthcare and other professional associations, educators, advocacy organizations, and others to advance screening and early intervention.

Goals

