



Counselor's Corner

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Did you know...

Students with a drug addicted parent often believe that the drug abuse is their fault and they can get the parent to stop drug use. They have feelings of anger, confusion and fear which impede ability to learn. School counselors can address these issues and help students develop safety plans. Counselors can provide these students with a stable, trusted adult relationship.



Children of Drug Addicted Parents



Children of a substance abusing parent are subjected to home environments that are unstable, neglectful, unpredictable and even violent. It is estimated that 1 in 6 children in school today has a parent who is addicted to alcohol or another drug. These children are not identified as at risk and do not receive any assistance. These children may:

- Appear unkempt or dress inappropriately.
- Be tardy or absent often.
- Have emotional outbursts.
- Show inconsistent academic work.
- Seem sad, withdrawn, hopeless.



Related websites/sources:

Educator's Guide to Children Affected by Parental Drug Abuse. By Leah Davies, M.Ed.

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