

The Perils of Drug Abuse- Walk With me

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The Perils of Drug Abuse- Walk With me primarily examines the life of a substance abusing parent/caregiver and the dangers and/or hazards associated with abusing drugs and the impact that it has on the user, caregiver's children, family and community.

This course has been put together utilizing a variety of learning styles (Visual, verbal, physical, logical, and social) for adult learners in hopes of activating different parts of the brain that will lead to a lifelong behavior change in the way they view drug usage. In this instance the learner is a substance abuser, who is incarcerated, and forced to attend the class. They will tend to be more skeptical about new information than the average adult learner. Additionally, as adult learners this population tends to bring more to the table because of their wider experience level. The instructors challenge is to harness the learners expertise into a self-directed, result-oriented, problem solver that can make sense of the learning.

This training is designed in a straightforward matter that allows the learner to recognize the dangers of substance abuse to themselves, children, family and community. Hopefully this self-directed realization will cause them to think about the dangers of using drugs thereby changing their behavior.

Each of the slides chosen for this presentation comes with directions as to the points to be made and the participation level of the learner and instructor. It is extremely important that the instructor makes the learners feel more like volunteers (having participation) in the process than clients who are being lectured too.