



Did You Know?

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Correlation of Mental Health Issues, Child Abuse and Substance Abuse



- Recent data indicate that 45.1 million adults (19.9 %) in the United States had mental illness in the past year. Of those, nearly 20 percent (8.9 million) also had a substance use disorder.
- In 2009, 2.2 million adults age 18 or older with past-year illicit drug or alcohol dependence or abuse had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year.
- Adults with past-year substance dependence or abuse were more likely to make suicide plans compared with adults without dependence or abuse and were more likely to attempt suicide.

Every month, at least 100 babies are born to drug-using mothers.

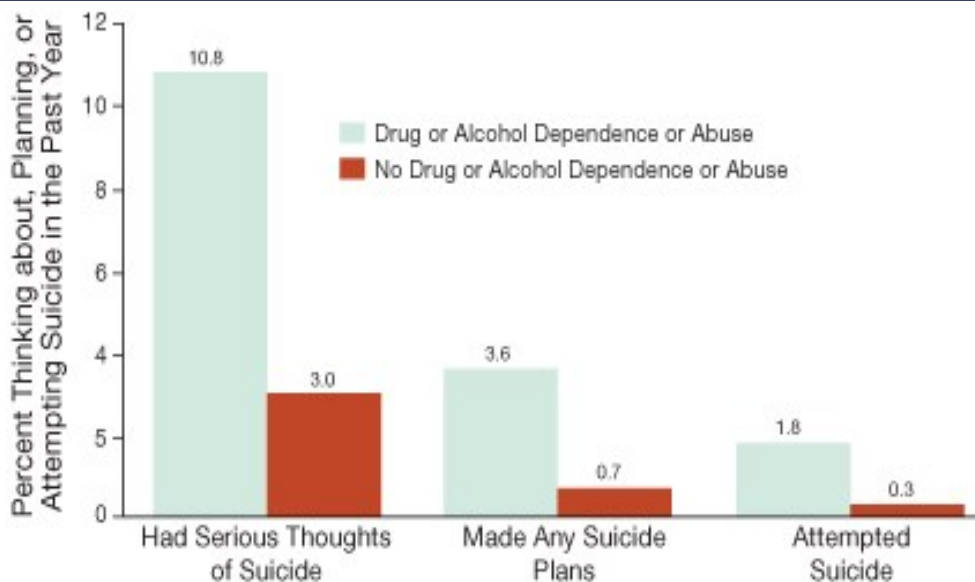
Of children who have a drug using parent 1 in 13 are physically abused regularly.

Abused children are more likely to abuse alcohol and become addicted to drugs, and one third will later abuse their own children.

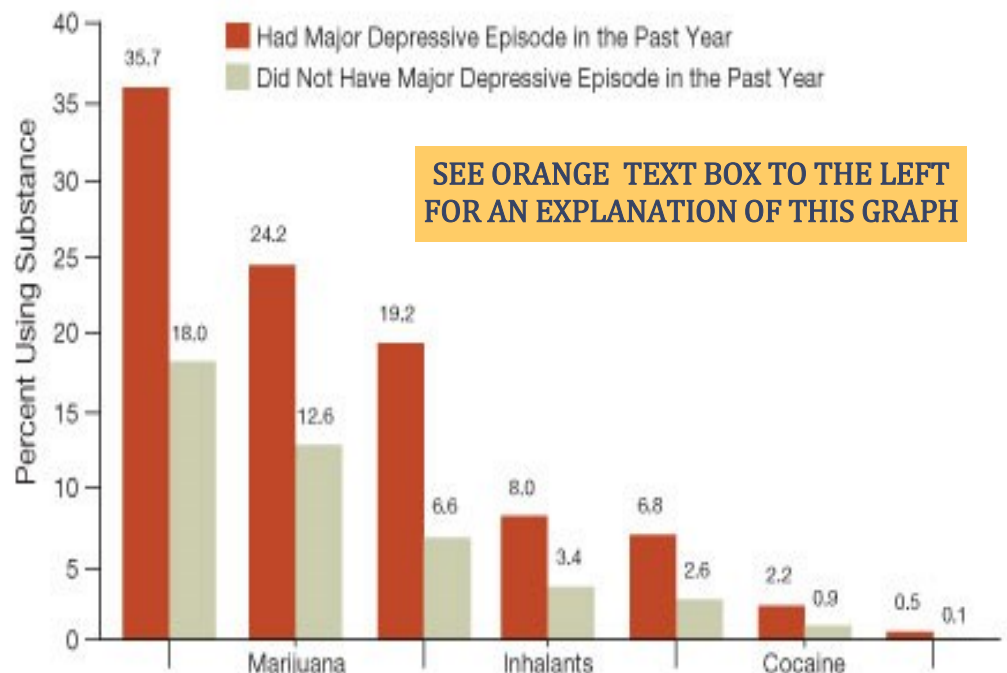
Neglect is by far the most common form of child abuse, accounting for more than 78% of all cases.

Physical abuse accounts for 17.8% of documented child abuse cases each year.

A fourth of all girls and a sixth of boys are sexually abused by an adult before the age of 17.



- In 2009, there were 2 million youth (8.1 % of population age 12 to 17) who had major depressive episode (MDE) in the past year.
- Among the youth with past year MDE, 35.7% used illicit drugs in the past year compared with 18% of non MDE youth
- Youth who had past-year MDE were more likely to be heavy alcohol users in the past month compared with non MDE youth.



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