

How Does Substance Abuse Impact The Community?

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Watching your loved one struggling with addiction is heartbreaking. You want to help but nothing you say or do seems to have an impact on them.

To understand their compulsion, you need to understand that addiction is a disease that affects an individual physically, psychologically, and mentally.

The consequences faced by addiction are not restricted to an individual or those closest to them. Sometimes the wider community may be affected.



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If we define a community as a group of people living together, it becomes easy to trace the impact of substance abuse including:

An Increase in Crime.

Once a person becomes hooked on drugs, they are often willing and desperate enough to do whatever it takes to keep feeding that habit.



This means that the community (through taxpayers) must spend more on funding police officers as well as funding jail personnel.

Increased Health Care Costs.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, annual healthcare costs resulting from illicit drug use exceed \$10 billion.

Domestic Violence

Substance abuse also leads to increased cases of domestic violence. This happens because the individual is more concerned with abusing drugs than taking care of the family.

Get the Help You Need

To avoid these issues, those affected by addiction need to get help before things go too far. Addiction treatment centers such as Evolve Indy in Indiana specialize in helping individuals beat addiction and turn their lives around.

We offer different treatment programs on an inpatient and outpatient basis. The latter includes intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization programs.

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