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Drug Abuse in American Youths Drug abuse remains one of the most pervasive issues in the community today. A number of problems come along with drug abuse, and the fact that it greatly influences the economy of a given society or the social wellbeing of the people themselves is what has brought about the urgent need to combat this menace. This paper will be looking at America's number one health problem, adolescent substance abuse. A number of methods that the society has used to combat the social problem will also be mentioned.

Drug abuse has been a community health problem for a very long time. The American culture and traditions condone how vulnerable youths become to drug abuse. It is important to note that the health problem has been quite around for a very long time (OWN, 2014). Unfortunately for drug use, it affects a lot of people as they engage in it during their youth, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA*) states that at least 9 out of 10 who are said to be addicts started drinking, smoking, or using any other drug before they reach 18 (CASA Columbia, 2011).

Drug abuse has had profound effects on the society. CASA maintains that teen drinking, smoking, and overall drug abuse has been very damaging to millions of people in the community and that there have been costly long range consequences. America reports homicides, increased general crimes due to drug use and abuse. Teen drug abuse remains the most expensive yet preventable health issue for the community.

The American community has implemented measures to ensure that teen drug abuse is dealt with. Educating the youth on detrimental effects of drug addiction can be, conducting routine screening, and provision of appropriate treatment to the affected are among the many ways that have proven useful

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