Addiction is not a disease or illness. PHONY

ACTUALLY,

Addiction is a brain disease that causes people to try to get drugs at any cost. The person has the disease for life.

Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health

Drugs disrupt the way nerve cells normally send, receive, and process information PROOF

Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health

Young people with parents with addiction to alcohol or drugs are no more likely to become addicted than other young people with non-addicted parents.

PHONY

ACTUALLY

Young people with parents with addiction are 4 times as likely to become addicted themselves. Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health

Typically adolescents with parents with addiction are in homes with low income PHONY

ACTUALLY

Kids from all different income levels have parents with addiction. People with a lot of money are just as susceptible to addiction.

Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health

Drugs work by tricking the brain. PROOF

Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health

When people first start using drugs or alcohol, they usually think they can control their use. People are almost never forced to use drugs or alcohol the first time.

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Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health

Whether someone becomes addicted really depends on motivation. PHONY

ACTUALLY, Risk for addiction is influenced by a person's biology, social environment, and age or stage of development.

Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health

It is best not to tell other adults if your parent has trouble with drugs or alcohol. It probably would not help. PHONY

ACTUALLY

Counselors, teachers, social workers, doctors, and police are some good people to talk to.

Talking about it usually helps individuals feel better after a while.

Source: Potter, D & Keen, L. (2009) The Center for Child and Family Health