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Drugs: Effect on the Family

A healthy family requires a good handle on reality. Wherever illusions take the place of reality, relationships suffer and the delicate balance that is family begins to disintegrate. Drug abuse is an attempt to escape from what is felt to be an untenable reality. It is believed that the escape is the solution but this is part of the illusion. Any solution that is not based in reality is no real solution at all.

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When one member of a family retreats into this drug induced illusion it becomes impossible for the family to sustain itself in a healthy and life giving way. A link in the chain is sorely damaged. What is real can no longer be relied upon as common ground. Communication cannot make its way across the gulf between reality and the escape from that reality.

WHEN A CHILD TAKES DRUGS

Knowing that your child is abusing drugs may not be as easy as it is made out to be. As parents we are always on the look out for a our children's welfare. We watch over them and worry about them but, even then, we may not be the first to know if our child is seeking excitement and comfort in chemical substances.

Statistics show that parents that unambiguously communicate their desire that their children stay well clear of drugs are 50% less likely to have children that do drugs. Communication cannot be underestimated. Communication, however, is not just telling our kids how we feel about drugs it is creating a climate where they feel comfortable to give us their own UNCENSORED view.

The first thing that a parent feels when a child is discovered to be taking drugs is overwhelming guilt and some anger. The anger is aimed at the fact that the loved one has placed themselves in danger and this is unbearably painful for a parent. The guilt comes from a feeling that they should have known, that there was something that they could have done to stop this from happening.

When your child takes drugs it is time to take off the blinkers. All of them. The only way out is going to be through a great deal of painful but liberating honesty and overzealous feelings of guilt don't help. Guilt trips for parent or child are not appropriate. You need to practice forgiveness and compassion like you have never done previously. You will also need professional help. Don't be afraid, good help should strip you naked and give you nowhere to hide, you and your child. This is good. Your family will never be the same again. It will be stronger and more robust. This is the potential.

WHEN A PARENT TAKES DRUGS

When a parent takes drugs the child feels that their childhood has been taken from them. They begin to take on the role of parent to their childlike mother or father. This means that they end up surrendering all their own questions and issues about life to the overwhelming parental dilemma.

More often than not the child of the drug addict feels painfully responsible. He or she can never relax into their own lives. They must always be vigilant lest the sky fall. They give up their own feelings on a deep profound level believing that they must be strong for a parent that is invariably a poisonous mixture of need and anger.

Children of alcoholics and drug addicts can have their young lives irreparably damaged if they do not seek help from neutral outside agencies. It is important that these people are not extended family members who end up treating the child like the responsible adult. Support groups and relevant professionals have the power to give the children of addicts their childhood back. This is crucial.

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WHEN A PARTNER TAKES DRUGS

It is tough to love someone who is lovable one moment and a monster the next. It is tough not to feel somehow responsible for their pain. It is tough not to give up your own life in support of a lost cause.

Honesty is the only defense in the domestic situation that involves the drug addict partner. Being a strong partner can not only save yourself and your partner but more importantly it will provide a redemptive role model for children in the family.

When one parent is disintegrating it is all the more important that children be able to look to the other parent for support. The addict creates a quasi reality that threatens to suck in every member of the family. The addict has lost contact with reality and is being ruled only by his or her need for the substance of addiction.

If the sober partner finds it too difficult to confront the drug addict he or she should be strong enough to recognize that and seek help from professionals outside of the little hell that is fast being created by the addictive behavior.

Drug addiction and abuse has the power to destroy a family forever. The best defense is to take it 100% seriously. This means admitting that the problem will not go away if you all conspire to ignore it. The best defense is to look the interloper straight in the eye and act to save every member of the family. Immediately. Do not wait for a catastrophe. Do not worry that you are over reacting. Trust your gut on this and get help.

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 ALICIA Name posted: 2005-10-30 04:31:48	CRACK/DIVORCE I AM GOING OUT OF MY MIND NEED PEOPLE TO TALK TO PARENTS OF HUSBAND WONT TAKLK TO ME. THIS IS HIS 3RD TIME IN REHAB AND STILL WANTS TO GO TO A CRACK HOUSE WHEN HE GETS OUT WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP HIM FAMILY WONT ADMIT IT IS AS BAD AS IT IS HE CALLED ME FROM REHAB AND ASKED FOR A DIVORCE BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO HURT ME AND MY SON ANYMORE WHAT DOES TIS MEAN IS HE GETTING THE RIGHT HELP? some one help me.
 Alice Name posted: 2005-10-30 10:57:44	Re: CRACK/DIVORCE I\`ve never had problems with drugs, but I know the dedication it takes to help a user. You put in so much time and love and effort to help someone out, and it\`ll work! But then, they\`ll relaspe and turn their back on you. I\`m not saying this is your husband\`s case, but if you decide to stay together, then do yourself a favor and make SURE that you\`re willing to move freaking mountains around to help and support your husband and your son. (I\`m sure he\`ll have some tender moments you\`ll need to look after.) I don\`t know you or your family, but if you can\`t meet the demands of a grotesquely painful situation, I suggest you push your inlaws or husband\`s close friends to really support him. If you, being his closest family and all, leave him without someone to rely and lean on, I\`m pretty sure your son and inlaws will resent you for that.
 Amanda Name posted: 2005-11-03 15:02:28	one in the same I can\`t believe how many women are living the same hell that I am today. My boyfriend/fiance has been trying to clean himself up for the past year and a half. I am 38 weeks pregnant and am scared to death that he is going to be on the street hunting down drugs when I go into labor.

	<p>I should be thinking about my child and being a mother, instead I am trying to remember where I hid my ATM card and wondering where he is sleeping. I have threatened to leave so many times that it just isn't real anymore. He lies to me, steals money from me, he will go to any length to get his drugs. I have a great family that is more than willing to have me come and live with them. I just don't know when enough is enough. Each time he uses - I am the one who is wide-eyed and feeling the results. He just doesn't care anymore. Are there those who are truly hopeless?</p>
<p> sandy Name</p> <p>posted: 2005-11-20 00:12:24</p>	<p>herion addiction</p> <p>I have been with my husband for 18 years and i love him with all my heart.We have a 6 year old son who he adores.I found out 4 years ago that he has a herion addiction.He has tried 4 rehabs and they didnt work.I was calling everywhere because he was doing 11 or more bags a day,and even though he worked all of his money went to herion.he was always running out to buy it and our son would always ask \"wheres daddy\" and it would always break my heart.When i was calling around i found a place in Delaware called ATS.The lady was so nice and we made an appointment.On the way home from there he said to me that he felt good and even he was surpried that he wasnt really sick.He stayed on methadone for a year and he weened himself off. About two weeks ago a neighboe of ours came over while i was at work and asked him to buy him a couple of bags and the first two times he said no and then the third time he said yes and of course he had to do it to. So i found out and he said that he wanted to go to ATS again.Methadone was the only thing that helped him.He would get up every morning at 4 am go to delaware and then go to work. Herion is very hard to stop and there is no way someone can do it alone</p>
<p> naomi Name</p> <p>posted: 2005-11-29 10:30:52</p>	<p>my mum takes drugs</p> <p>i have been sufferin from depression at home since i found out my mum was taking drugs i've confroted her and evrything but she denies it even though i have proof. i found burnt tin foil in her draw. i told my friend at school and someone overgheard and whenever i see them now they start shouting \"your mums a pothead\" i'm so depressed and need someone t otalk to!? thankyou</p>
<p> jade Name</p> <p>posted: 2005-12-04 10:32:41</p>	<p>is he the love still the love of my life?</p> <p>It was feb when i first found out about his cocain addiction. We agreed to stay together and work things out. He wanted me to help him quit. And he did, but for only 6 months. he started doing drugs again a month ago, he tried to lie and hide it away from me but i found it. I don't know what to do anymore, should i stay in the relationship or should i just let it all go. We were going to get engaged at the end of this year and be married in the summer, but now all the dreams are lost.</p>

	Am i horrible if i leave him now? But if i don\'t , i fear i might lose my mind. i love him a lot, but i can take all the lies and deceit. i don\'t know what to do...
 samantha Name posted: 2005-12-12 18:51:03	sister on drugs i have no idea how to help her. i just found out that the guy she is with is also using drugs, and that he hits her. don\'t know were to start. it seems like she just thinks of her self only. i have to be the one to break the news to my parents. i need some advice.
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 libbie Name posted: 2006-01-10 00:07:24	my heart is broke I have been married for 16 yrs. to my husband. It started out that he drank alot and was very verbal abusive. That went on for yrs. and he would always apologize but it never changed. Then he stopped drinking and started doing other things such as taking pills. That soon moved up to shooting them up. Then he started doing cocaine. Over periods of time he would try to stop and beg for help. He even stopped everything for almost a year and started going to church. But soon went back to his ways so we separated for a year. We we decided to try and work through it the drug use continued. Now he\'s on the methadone program which seemed to help for a while. I found out today he\'s back to doing coke. When I confront him he always lies about it. He trys to turn it around on me and act like i\'m crazy for even thinking that. Later he will admit it and ask and beg for help. I have 3 children, one which is 18 and has moved out. I feel in a sense he had to grow up to fast and learned to much to soon watching his father. Now I have to worry about my 14 yr. old daughter and 12 yr. old son. They see the hell their father is putting us through and I don\'t want it to ruin their lives. I\'m scared they are going to grow up and hate there daddy and resent me for staying. Even though they love their dad (and he is a good father when he isn\'t all doped up)they are starting to see little things. Please help! What do I do? I guess in my heart I know what I should do but I don\'t want to turn my back on him.
 Shayla Name posted: 2006-01-30 17:21:07	My sister is being brain washed. My 20 yr old sister has not been the same person she used to be lately. After hooking up with a guy that just got out of prison. She wrote to him and they talked on the phone while he was still in prison. Anyways he was in there for distributing, and molesting a 13 yr old. My sister looked beyond that and fell in love with him. They have been together a year and

a half, and have a 5 month old baby. This guy in 1 year has had 5 jobs, he gets fired, because he has a very bad attitude and temper. When he gets mad he gets very violent. He said alot of bad stuff to our family, including our Mom, my sister didn't even say anything to him, for saying horrible stuff to Mom. She agrees with everything he says. He even talks ugly to his own Mom, the way I look at it is if he doesn't respect his own Mother, he will never respect anyone. Anyways my mom kicked them out they have 1 week to move out of my Moms house, Mom told her she and the baby could stay, but he had to go. I am sure she won't stay she will follow him, and take up for him no matter how wrong he is. My sister had straight A's in High school, a fine car, and had a scholarship for college, she gave up everything for him. He blew up the engine in her car. Then the got another car, he wrecked it, she dropped out of college, and quit her job. Now our family doesn't want anything to do with them. We are truly convince that they are on drugs. I truly believe something drastic will have to happen to her to make her grow up and see what this guy is doing to mess her life up!!! By the way fri when he let my Mom have it, by screaming at her, and calling her names, she almost had a stroke. Mom is not well, and if she would have had a stroke, these to retards would have just stepped over her!!!! Anyone else in the same situation? Maybe we could help each other. Thanks for reading this....



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patty

Name

posted: 2006-01-30 18:18:29

when you love an addict

I am the mother of speed addict. After the first 4 years of trying to handle the the pain I decided to get a degree in psychology. I continued to make the same mistakes all through 6 years of school and a masters degree. It didn't stop until I realized that no matter how educated I was or much I loved my son I was helpless to help. I prayed the AA prayer help me change what I can,accept what I can not change and the wisdom to know the differance. I wrote my son a letter (at christmas while he was in jail)and told him I loved him but I would no longer ride the roller coster with him. I told him not to call unless he was in rehab and then he was not to ask for anything from us. I told him God was his only hope. I listed all we had done over 10 years to help and nothing had worked. I honestly believed he would use speed until he killed himself. I remember crying for days. I accepted that he had a God given life to use as he pleased even if it meant death. People who knew him told that he was worse than anyone had ever seen him. They spoke my greatest fear \"we don't think hes going to make it\" I still had a peace about the decision and contiued to know that if God couldn't help him I certinaly couldn't. Four months later he went into a court ordered program, his 7th rehab. and has done great. He did rely on God when there was no net to catch him and he found out there was someone else who loved him and could free him in a way he never imaged. He is now helping other addicts, he holds a job, mantains relationships, and has a heart for those who suffer with addiction. It has only been a year and I know it's one day at a time for him but isn't that true for all of when it comes to personal growth and good decisions?



**JESSICA
THE
JUNKIE**

Name

posted: 2006-01-30 22:20:51

about loving us

I just want to let the families know, that it's hard to quit- especially heroin. I mean, it's extremely hard, it's the hardest thing I have ever been through- I mean it's almost worth being a useless junkie addict just so I don't have to go through the withdrawals, and I'm sure that's how you or some of your loved ones feel also. Keep getting them into treatment, make them work the program, love them no matter what, but don't give them money, don't trust them about that either- I'm telling you, especially if they have a real heroin addiction. Make them work the program, and as for yourself- go to Al-Anon, get support and help for yourself, because a close relationship with someone like this is damaging. Just take

some of my advice, because this is coming from a common heroin junkie and it will be helpful, I know what works. And as you can tell, I haven't taken my own advice. Which shows you how hard this actually is. Also- Long term treatment is the best for heroin users. I hope you guys all get better as well as your loved ones, because I know this is painfull and it hurts. God Bless.


Richard
Name
posted: 2006-02-09 13:01:31

heroin detox

I have been shooting dope for about ten yrs.The only thing that I have found to detox without the risk of becoming cross addicted,like with meth,has been bupenex or also known as subutex.It is very easy to come off of and blocks the effects of any opiate.However,any recovering addict needs after care therapy to avoid relapse.I didn't always agree with that,but always have relapsed when I stopped,even after a year being clean.Swallow your pride and get the help it is worth your life.


little girl lost
Name
posted: 2006-02-16 18:50:26

re-shayla

instead of having someone i love dearly be involved with a man like that its myself my family feels the same way u do what can i do what can i do is the same thing they ask themselves. in all honesty there is nothing u can do more than likely its goinh to take a tragedy to wake her up she probably claims to love him doesnt she i know because i feel the same way this guy \"and no i don't blame him\" took me down a road i never knew i started using heroin and then pain pills and cocaine now its crack and i am having the hardest time getting away from it i gave up everything for this man i even lived out on the streets in my car because he got kicked out of his parents house sometimes we get involved in this world and become addicted to it and without the other person we don't feel complete we now only know the life of drugs and we don't know how to be without them u wonder if she is on drugs chances are she is if she is distancing herself from u thats why and of course he has total control over her, i used to say how crazy woman were for staying in an abusive relationship but since i have been there i know why u can't walk away. even now i don't see him much but theres not a day that does not go by that i don't talk to him so even from a distance (we live an hour apart) he controls me, i have left him twice came home had everything anyone could even want but had to keep going back now i am trying to escape because i know i will never accomplish anything as long as i am with him. the thing is let her learn on her own i know its hard but as long as u say anything it will push her closer to him and further away from u as much as u hate to hear it. if u want to chat or talk u can email me i know i probably did not shine any light on the situation but honestly there is not going to be any until she finds it. i am still trying to reach for it i see it getting closer though first hope i have had in a long time just pray

 <p>Michelle Name</p> <p>posted: 2006-02-23 11:05:27</p>	<p>naomi</p> <p>I am a mother and I use to use drugs. what kind of drugs are your mom using and how long has she been using. How old are you. I have a 15 year old and a 12 year old I know how hard it was for them when I was using drugs have you ever told your mom that you know she is using. Mabye you could sit her down and tell her how you feel. I don\'t know if you can talk to her or not but if you can mabye she will lisen and try to get help. There are all kind of help out there for her. I have been through all of the rehabs and the only thing that got me off of drugs was God when I gave him my life he took the craving away. And as long as I stay in his will I don\'t have any problems. Are you in church?</p>
 <p>Emily Name</p> <p>posted: 2006-03-01 15:12:53</p>	<p>durgs</p> <p>I always wanted to do durgs but when i was in fifth grade in january our school started a program about durgs and why you shouldn\'t do it. this program was called DARE. we had a officer name det. Vohees. he made me reilse that durgs were bad for you and you should never to them because there bad and you don\'t want to die from them if you get really addicted to them!!thank you DARE for making a difference in my chocie</p>
 <p>George Name</p> <p>posted: 2006-03-14 16:18:06</p>	<p>My Daughter</p> <p>My daughter 17 has been ordered to treatment by the court. She was doing meth and pot she couldn\'t pass one urine test in six months of probation. She started using with her friends and lied about it when we suspected. The school called a couple years ago, one day and she was expelled for possession. She was caught a year later outside a known drug dealers home and was arrested for possession. The dealer is still dealing to kids in our town. Her mother does not do drugs or drink I do not do drugs but have an occasional drink.</p>
 <p>Sherry Name</p> <p>posted: 2006-04-05 23:07:00</p>	<p>this is the answer people need</p> <p>Jesus is the answer that people need. He is the way, the truth, and the life.He can set people free once and for all if they put their faith and trust in him.He took all these bondages to the cross and paid the penalty on our behalf. All we have to do is accept him. Anyone who has an addiction is looking for something to fulfill their life, when in reality they are drowning out the cries of their soul that longs for the love of God. The soul was made by God, for we are made in the very image of God. The soul was made to be in communion with him, to worship God, to connect with him. When you have a relationship with Jesus, he fulfills the emptiness our soul longs for.Nothing in this world can replace the joy and inner peace only God can give. A person will only become more miserable if they don\'t find Jesus and their soul will continue to be restless and in secret torment. Real freedom is a condition of Christ living in you. You dont</p>

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<p> HOPE Name</p> <p>posted: 2006-05-17 10:31:50</p>	<p>REPLY TO HUSBAND AND CRACK</p> <hr/> <p>I JUST RECENTLY FOUND OUT MY HUSBAND IS ON CRACK. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOMETHING WITH HIM. HE IS IN THE METHEDONE PROGRAM FOR HIS OPPIATE ADDICTION. I WAS SO PROUD OF HIM FOR GETTING HELP AND HE WAS DOING GOOD FOR SO LONG. I WAS TOTALLLY BLIND SIDDED BY THIS NEW ADICTION. I COULD UNDERSTAND A RELAPSE BUT A WHOLE NEW ADDICTION JUST BLEW MY MIND. I STARTED SEEING SIGNS AND STARTED SNOOPING AROUND UNTIL I CAUGHT HIM. EVERYTHING GOT WORSE THEN. NOW THAT I KNOW HE JUST LOST TOTAL CONTROL, BLAMED ME FOR EVERYTHING. HE SEEMS INSANE MOST OF THE TIME MAKING CRAZY ACCUSATIONS. I\'M THE LIAR, I\'M THE ONE SNEEKING AROUND, AND IF I TRY TO STOP HIM ITS MY FAULT FOR NOT UNDERSTANDING. I HAVE BEEN WITH HIM FOR ALMOST 12 YEARS AND STOOD</p>

BY HIM THROUGH ALL HIS PROBLEMS AND ADDICTIONS.IT HURTS SO MUCH TO HAVE HIM SAY HE DOSN\T TRUST ME AND ACCUSE ME OF NOT LOVING HIM. HE TOO HAS HIS MOMENTS OF GUILT WHEN HE ADDMITTS HE IS WRONG AND HAS A PROBLEM AND THEN ITS BACK TO HOURS OF INTEROGATION AND TORTURE FOR ME. RIGHT NOW WE ARE REALLY GOING THROUGH IT AND I SENT MY KIDS TO STAY AT MY PARENTS HOUSE. I KNOW HE NEEDS TO GET HELP. I GOT HIM TO GO TO THE DOCTORS TO GET ON DEPRESSION MEDICATION. THIS SEEMS TO HELP HIM NOT CRAVE THE CRACK UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY WHEN IT STARTS TO WEAR OFF. I DON\T KNOW HOW I HAVE KEPT MY SANITY THROUGH THIS ALL, ITS BY FAR THE WORST THING WE\VE BEEN THROUGH.HE IS SO AFRAID THAT OTHER PEOPLE WILL FIND OUT ABOUT HIS PROBLEM THAT HE HAS WENT AROUND TELLING EVERYONE THAT I STOLE HIS MONEY AND THAT IM HAVING AN AFFAIR AND THAT OUR KIDS ARE NOT HIS. IM SO ASHAMED OF HIS BEHAVOIR AND HOPE THAT NO ONE BELEIVES HIM. THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY KNOW ME KNOW ITS NOT TRUE BUT ARE QUESTIONING WHAT IS GOING ON. I PROTECT HIM BY SAYING HE IS JUST UNDER A LOT OF STRESS, BUT THIS HAS LEFT ME VIRTUALLY ALONE IN MY BATTLE. I DON\T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE I CAN TAKE AND FEAR I MAY HAVE TO LEAVE HIM. THE ONLY ADVISE I CAN GIVE YOU IS TO NOT ATTACK HIM AND PUT HIM DOWN FOR IT BECAUSE THAT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE. THE WORSE HE FEELS ABOUT HIMSELF THE MORE HE\LL USE. LET HIM KNOW YOU LOVE HIM AND UNSERSTAND THAT HE HAS LOST CONTROL AND ISNT USING CAUSE HE WANTS TO. UNDERSTAND THAT DRUGS TAKE CONTROL OVER THE PERSON. ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT DRUG ADDICTION IS ABOUT THE DRUG ADDICT AND HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THEIR SELF AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT ON THEIR PART TO HURT ANY ONE ELES. ALTHOUGH THEY END UP HURTING EVERYONE AOUND THEM THEY SEE IT AS THOUGH THEY ARE ONLY HURTING THEIR SELF. LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING IS THE ONLY THING YOU CAN GIVE AN ADDICT. THEY HAVE TO SEE THE PROBLEM AND SEEK THE HELP ON THEIR OWN. STAY STRONG AND DON\T THINK YOUR ALONE. I WISH YOU LUCK.



miss lady

Name

posted: 2006-07-03 11:03:46

My father

My father uses cocaine, with a pipe, Im am 24 yrs old and I have never personally seen him do it. But I know when he is high, Ive been knowing for like 10 yrs, but it seems that now it has changed, it use to be where he would wait until we are sleep and he would go in the basement and do it, but now that my brother and I have moved out the house and my little sister is in college, he is just not hiding it anymore. It makes me mad cause we can have a nice outing and then we get to my parents home and before you know it, he is in the basement and he comes back in and high out his mind, when my father is not using drugs, I believe that he is the

perfect man. He told me on this past fathers day that he is giving it up, and that he threw all his users in the trash, but he has been high damn never everyday, so Im ready to take control over the situation and I would like for him to go to a inpatient rehab, so Ive been thinking how to bring it to him, but I have too, Im tired of seeing him like that cause it pisses me off and when he is not high, he thinks that everything is ok, but when its not, its ok with him cause hes no longer high, Im just tired of going back and forth, and at the age im at now, Im starting to be more open about it, my mom tries to sugar code the situation when its noticable to me, she tries to cover for him, but when his getting high gets to her thats when she speaks on it and I dont think thats fair, but they have been married for 25 years so maybe she is use to it, but i see a problem with it, and what do you do with problems, correct them and if not try to. So im go get my brother and sister and we are going to sit down with our father and tell him that we want him to go to a inpatient center so that he can recover, cause he is too old to keep living this same life,



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