

ADDICTION IN PARENTS: WHAT ARE YOU ABUSING MORE, DRUGS OR YOUR CHILD?

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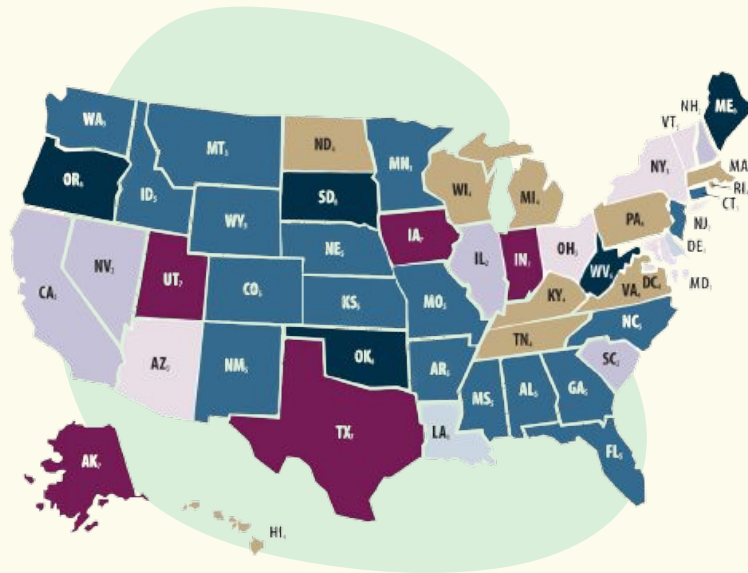






**HOW MANY CHILDREN IN THE US
HAVE PARENTS WHO SUFFER
FROM ADDICTION?**

AN ALARMING STATISTIC

1 in 8 children ages 17 or younger are living in households with at least one parent who has a substance use disorder.



Parental Alcohol or Other Drug Abuse as an Identified Condition or Removal by State, 2019



**WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF A PARENT'S
SUBSTANCE ABUSE ON A CHILD'S
BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE IN
SCHOOL?**

COGNITIVE FUNCTION IN PRENATAL & POSTNATAL CASES

- Neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Smaller neuroanatomical volumes
- Lesser maturation of neural tracts



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



- Lower academic functioning
- Lower grade point averages
- Increased grade retention
- Failure to pursue secondary education

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BEHAVIORAL FUNCTIONING

OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOR



ANXIETY

DEPRESSION



CONDUCT
ISSUES

AGGRESSIVE
BEHAVIOR

LOW SOCIAL COMPETENCE

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**IN CHOOSING DRUGS OVER THEIR CHILD,
CHILDREN OF PARENTS WHO SUFFER FROM
SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONTINUE TO HAVE
BEHAVIORAL ISSUES AND POOR ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL.**

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

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LOOK BEYOND AND ASK “WHY”

You don't know what is going on in a child's life

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IDENTIFY ANY SIGNS OF ABUSE

If a child is being abused at home, report ASAP



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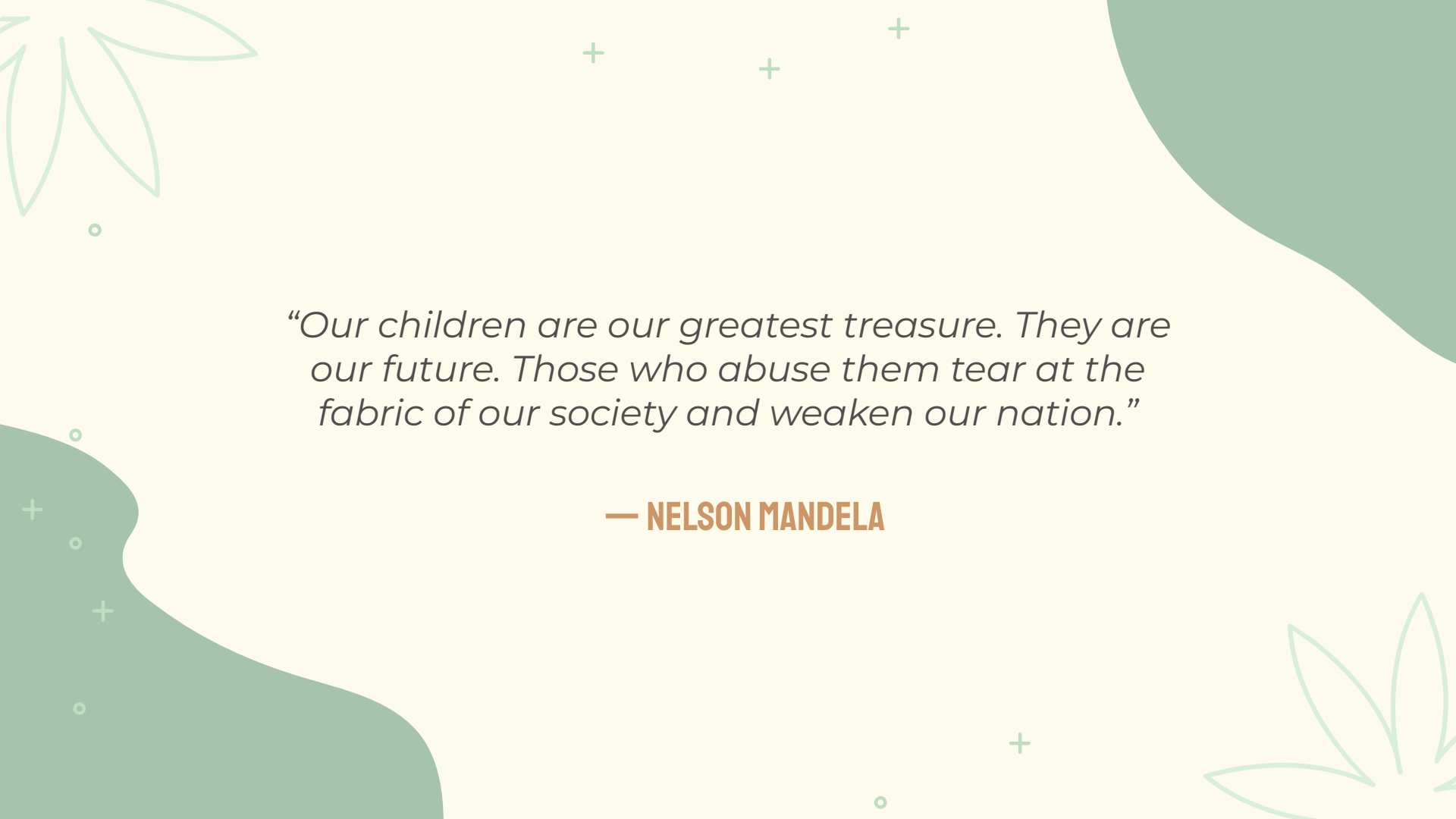
GET THEM PROFESSIONAL HELP

A lot of children need professional help, so make this an option

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BE PATIENT

These kids tend to act out and struggle with school work, so have an open mind



“Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation.”

— NELSON MANDELA

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