

A Call to Action: Preventing Drug Addiction Among Youth

Preventing Drug Addiction Among Youth: One afternoon in my office, a woman arrived, visibly distressed. Unlike my usual visitors, she requested a private meeting, insisting on the urgency of her situation. After attending to others, I invited her into my office. The moment she sat down, tears welled in her eyes. I asked for a glass of water, hoping to offer some small comfort. Once she had collected herself, she began to share her story—a story that was both harrowing and all too common.

"Sir," she said, her voice trembling, "I have a sixteen-year-old son who has been using drugs for the past two years. He doesn't listen to me anymore, and sometimes he even becomes violent. I feel completely helpless. Please, help me."

This was a serious issue—one that no parent should face alone. As she continued, she revealed the source of her son's drugs, a revelation that required immediate action. After assuring her that we would do everything in our power to help, she left, leaving me with a growing concern. As the Commissioner of Police, I see this problem escalating not just locally, but globally. Drug addiction among youth is an issue that demands the urgent attention of all of us, as a community and as a society.

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