

Drug Store Project Counselor Scene:

This scene is the counseling scene. After going to court many youth who abuse alcohol or drugs are referred for counseling at Tahoe Youth and Family Services. This will be an example of a Chemical Assessment intake is like.

Can anyone tell me what it means to be chemically dependent or have an addiction to a controlled substance? **(It's when you have a compulsive need for to use a habit-forming substance such as Tobacco, Alcohol or Drugs, when the user knows that it is harmful to them, but continue to use without caring what happens to them)**

Ok. Let's begin.

Hello _____ (student name)

Hello

I'm going to ask you some questions and I need you to answer as honest as possible and please remember this is all confidential.

Ok

Have you ever received counseling before?

No

Have you had prior incidents involving the law?

I was cited for smoking cigarettes at school

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school?

Yes

What for?

For ditching and bringing a marijuana pipe to school.

Did you get in trouble for this?

Yes, I got suspended from school and was grounded by my parents

Have you ever used Alcohol?

Yes

How old were you when you first started drinking alcohol?

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Have you ever used Prescription Pills that were not prescribed to you by a doctor?

Yes, once

How old were you when you tried this?

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Have you ever smoked marijuana?

Yes, a couple of times

How old were you when you tried this?

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How do you spend your free time?

I just hang out with my friends. I used to play sports, but I don't feel like doing that anymore.

Do you feel that drinking and smoking have had something to do with your loss of interest in sports?

Yes

Who were you with when you first started using?

My older brother and one of his friends

What was the experience like, was it a positive or negative experience?

It was a positive experience. I felt like my brother and his friends liked me

(So this made it seem cool because you got to hang out with your older brother and his friends)

Are you currently using drugs?

Yes

What kind and how often?

Marijuana, Alcohol and Prescription Drugs, I use pretty often. It used to be only on the weekends, but now I use during the week too.

Do you think smoking and drinking has led you to try other drugs?

Yes

Do your friends use?

Yes, mostly all of them

Have your friends ever made any comments about your drug use?

Not really... I think they are afraid I will say something about them using too

How is your relationship with your parents?

Good

Does anyone in your family have a problem with alcohol or drugs?

Yes, my older brother and one of my aunts. My mom used to smoke weed, but doesn't anymore. She drinks a little on her days off.

We at TYFS are going to get you the counseling you deserve and will teach you life skills so you can make positive choices and not to go down a path of self destruction

Thank you (student's name)

Each one of you in this room has already been or will be faced with the decision of whether to use drugs or not.

Always remember that each and every one of you has a choice!

(Student's name) has made a choice to use drugs and alcohol and now is on probation with many of their freedoms taken away.

He/she now has a curfew and is required to have good grades and attend school

He/she also has to be drug tested regularly and has to attend weekly counseling sessions. These all used to be choices in (student's name) life and now they are controlled by the courts. So, you may not see the effects of drugs and alcohol in your life right away, but they will begin to break down your quality of life.

(Student's name) has another choice to make today and that is whether to continue on the path of self-destruction or to accept the help that has been offered today.

- What do you think (student's name) should do?
- What do you think (student's name) life is going to be like in five years if he/she chooses to continue to use drugs and alcohol?
- What are some ways to avoid using drugs and alcohol?(just say no, walk away, change the subject, say your parents would be mad if they found out, you don't want to ruin your life, so no thanks) Also,

The younger you start using alcohol and drug the more likely you become addicted later in life

If you take Prescription Pills that are not prescribed to you it can make you very sick and if you mix alcohol with Prescription Pills this can led to death

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