

PREDICTORS OF DRUG USE BY YOUTH

~ CHILDREN MOST AT RISK ~

*ALL children are at risk to use drugs.
However, some are at greater risk than others!*

Children most at risk include:

Children who have a family history of addiction.

Children who have little commitment to school.

Children who come from homes with management problems.

Children whose parents have favorable attitudes towards alcohol, tobacco, or other drug use.

Children who have favorable attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
These attitudes are often revealed by their interest in drug music, clothing, beer t-shirts, beer signs, tobacco clothing, and other merchandise.

Children who experience early first use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs—especially before the age of 15.

Children who have unsupervised time at home or away from home.

Children who associate with other children who use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.



~ David Hawkins, August 1985, *Journal of Children in Contemporary Society*
~ Handout at Omaha Council of PTA/PTSA Leadership Workshop, Mary Salcedo