What is the role of NIDA (National Institute of Drug Abuse)?

What is the specific role of the NIDA for different age groups?

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WHAT IS THE NIDA?

NIDA =

NIDA’s mission:

“to lead the Nation in bringing the power of science to bear on drug abuse and addiction.”
MORE ON NIDA’S MISSION

1) Strategic support and conduct of research
2) Improve prevention and treatment, inform policy
NIDA Background on Research

1) Finding drug use trends to give intervention solutions
2) Research for molecular sites and systems in the brain
3) Searching for new communications network for medical therapies
4) Demonstrate that addiction is treatable
5) Use research to create individually tailored treatments
6) Decreasing spread of HIV
7) Change course of drug abuse treatment in U.S.
NIDA goals

1) Prevention
2) Treatment
3) Prevent spread of HIV/AIDS
Many legislations that increased funding for prevention of drug abuse

Established national programs helping with drug addiction

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ROLE FOR TEENS

- Target: Students
- Aims to educate adolescents (ages 11-15)
- Rather than promote dangers associated with drug usage, provide science-based facts about the effects on the brain and body from drugs
“NIDA for Teens: The Science Behind Drug Abuse” Website

- Link: [http://teens.drugabuse.gov](http://teens.drugabuse.gov)
- Utilizes educational methods to help kids make healthy decisions and prevent drug usage
- Provides accessible information and fun learning interactions
- Gives facts on Drugs
- Encourages teens to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle
- PEERx
Roles for Adults

- Target: Medical & health professionals

- NIDAMED provides tools & resources for professionals to use at their practices
  - E.g. NIDA Drug Use Screening Tool

- NIDA Center of Education (CoE) for Physician Information

- NIDA/SAMHSA Blending Initiative
Roles for Adults (cont.)

- Target: Teachers & Parents
- Provides resources and information about health effects & consequences of drug abuse & addiction
- Family Checkup
  - Positive Parenting Prevents Drug Abuse
- Videos, articles, brochures, activities, etc. available for parents and teachers in English and Spanish
Our Opinion

- **NIDA Background/Mission:**
  - More organizations should contribute to drug addiction research

- **NIDA Goals & Accomplishments:**
  - We were unaware of NIDA publications prior to research

- **Role for Teens:**
  - Website was set up in an easy-to-understand format for their target audience

- **Role for Adults:**
  - Physicians, teachers, and parents all have a significant impact on their patients, students, and children
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DISCUSSION QUESTION 2

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