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Drug Addiction and Crime: Prevention begins in schools**Elsa Vitale***Local Health Authority Bari, Italy*

Drug addiction, the use of drugs among young people and related crimes, are becoming increasingly the subject of discussion as the numbers and statistics of recent years speak of an increase in children who approach the world of drugs without knowing any consequences of their actions. School is one of the most important stages in a person's life and in particular the secondary school, as the children who attend it live a period in which curiosity, the will to feel emotions and the desire to live new experiences can lead to making bad choices. This study provides an analysis on the world of crime related to drugs and drug addiction in a youth context but above all to emphasize how much school can be fundamental in the prevention of this task. An ad hoc questionnaire was administered online, aimed at children attending upper secondary school. The questionnaire was answered by 100 children aged between 15 and 19 years. Of these, 59 were female and 41 were male. The responses showed the existence of a high distance between young people attending secondary schools and notions on the world of drugs. Therefore, the environment in which young people are placed on a daily basis would also affect the success of the intervention: the adolescents who participated in the innovative program while maintaining close relationships with peers, who took drugs, did not obtain significant benefits.

Biography

Elsa Vitale has her expertise in evaluation and passion in improving the health, nursing and wellbeing. Her open and contextual evaluation model based on responsive constructivists creates new pathways for improving healthcare.