Additional Resources

FROM MAPS

www.maps.org/news-letters/v06n1/06139spi.html
Foldes, A. et al. 1995. “Youths and Entheogen Use—A Modern Rite of Passage?” MAPS Bulletin 6(1): 39–42. Addresses the question, “What relevance do these ancient traditions have to the experience of a modern adolescent growing up in the western world?”

www.maps.org/news-letters/v07n1/07127wha.html

www.maps.org/research/mdma/pregnancy.html

JOURNAL ARTICLES


ON-LINE

http://actioncenter.drugpolicy.org/ctt.asp?u=8590&l=3677
Research Supporting Alternatives to Current Drug Prevention Education for Young People by Rodney Skager (Feb 2003). A selected set of annotated references on changes necessary to drug prevention education for young people.

www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/kids/default.htm
A Collection of References on Drugs and Children—What Causes Drug Problems Among Children, and How to Deal With Them When They Happen. Schaffer Library of Drug Policy.
The Erowid Families & Psychoactives Vault provides documents and resources on the topic of families’ relationships to psychoactive substances. It isn’t really clear how people in our culture can integrate psychoactive substances usefully and coherently into their lives with their children. There are many complexities: legal, social, dependency, abuse, access, fears, personal freedom, parental responsibility, etc. In order to lay the groundwork for humans to have more balanced relationships with psychoactive substances, the first step may be to simply collect and share the experiences of people who have faced these challenges. While we have information about what happens in traditional cultures, modern society is so removed from family-oriented villages that it is not at all clear what to do with such wisdom teachings. With this Vault, Erowid hopes to cover: families who value psychedelics; coming out of the psychedelic closet; mentoring and rites-of-passage; families torn apart: when dialog breaks down; pregnancy, birth and breastfeeding; drug education; other stories of how drugs or the discussion of drugs have impacted a family; media treatment of these issues. Articles, ideas, and comments can be sent to families@erowid.org.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to challenge inflexible and excessive penalties required by mandatory sentencing laws.


A distinguished writer makes an anonymous confession and defends a habit: his son supplies him with Ecstasy.

Mothers Against Misuse and Abuse. Formed in 1982 to address the multifaceted issues of substance use, misuse and abuse. MAMA’s approach is based on personal responsibility and informed decision making, with respect for human dignity.

BOOKS


[Fiction] On a September night in 1971, a few days after getting busted for dropping two of the 127 hits of acid found in a friend’s shoe, a sixteen-year old who is grounded for a year curls up in the corner of her ratty bedroom, picks up a pen, and begins to write.


Classic tale of a utopian society with psychedelic rites-of-passage.


A guidebook of approaches to rites-of-passage; praises altered states but has a negative approach toward drug use to reach these.


Noah Levine—son of Buddhist teacher and author Stephen Levine—updates his father’s path to enlightenment in this memoir. As with many self-destructive kids, the author’s search for meaning led him first to punk rock, drugs, drinking, and dissatisfaction. Fueled by his anger and so much injustice and suffering, he now uses that energy and the practice of Buddhism to awaken his natural wisdom and compassion.


Excellent non-biased introduction to psychoactive substances for pre-teens.


Postulates that the desire for altered states of consciousness is an inborn human drive.


Excellent overview that dispels many myths regarding the harms of Cannabis, providing factual information based on scientific studies instead of propaganda.

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