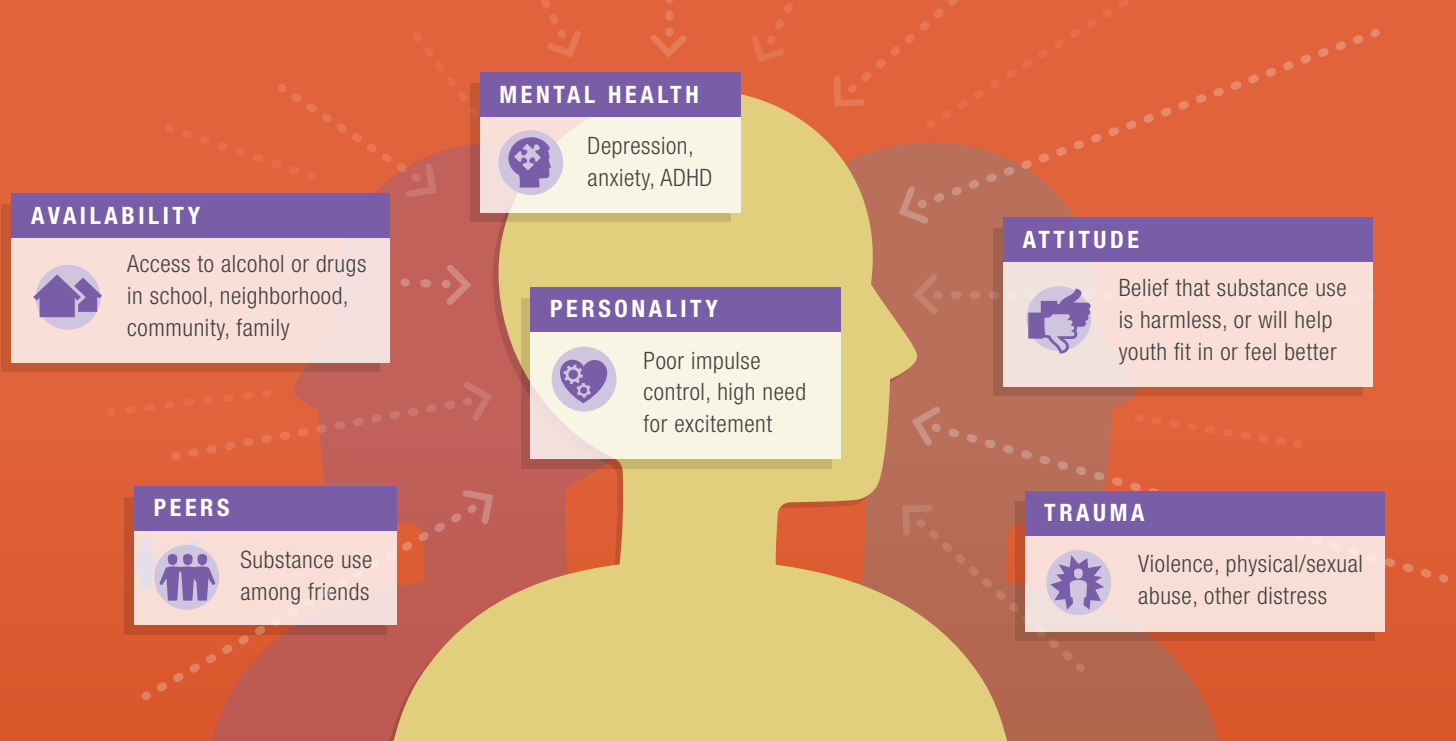


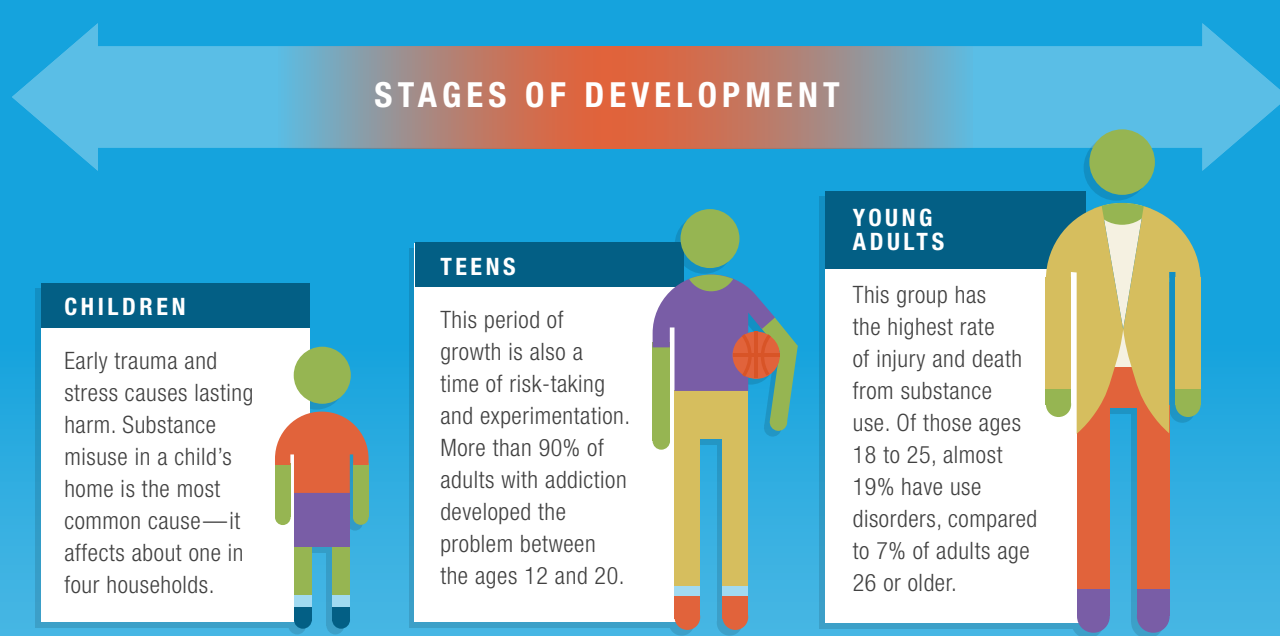
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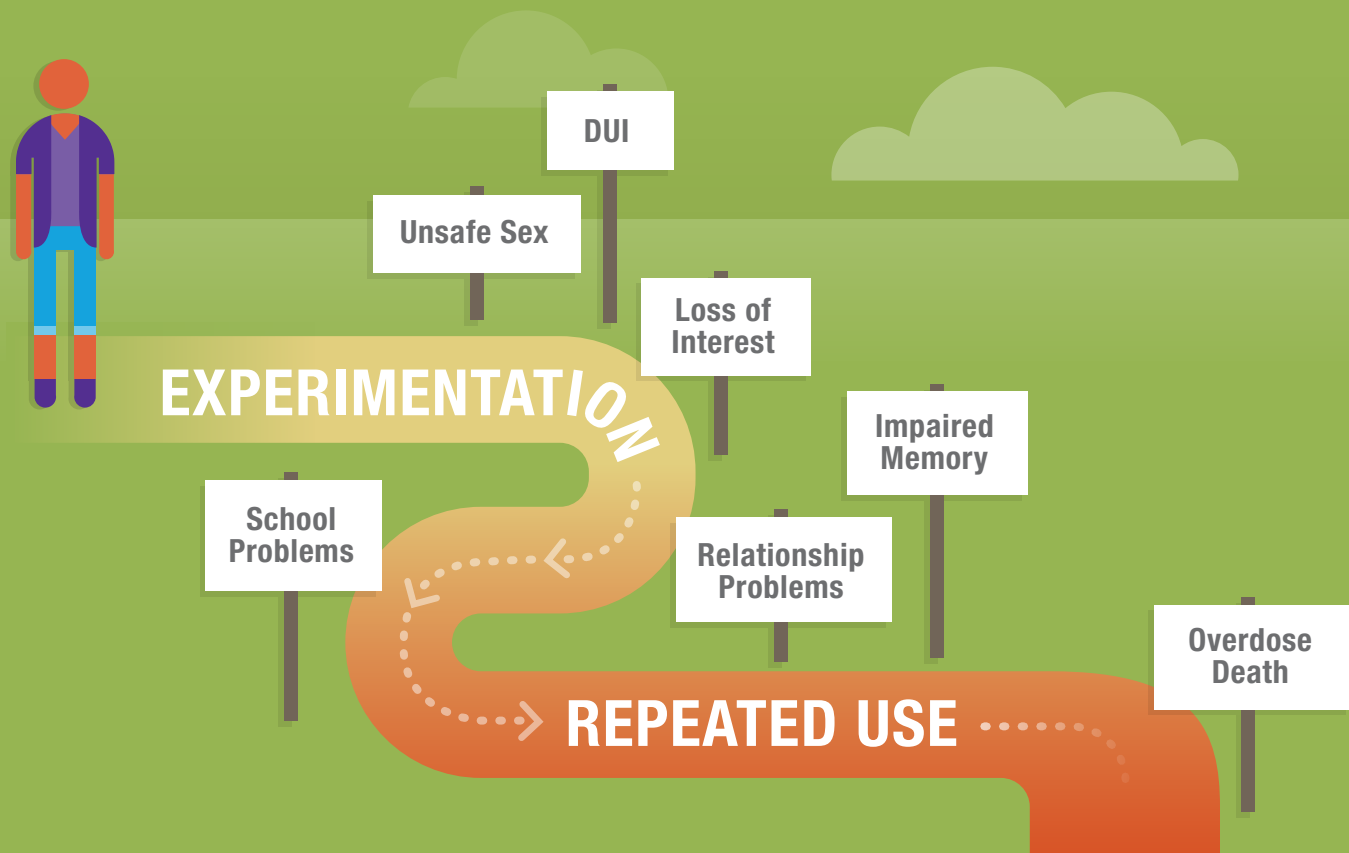


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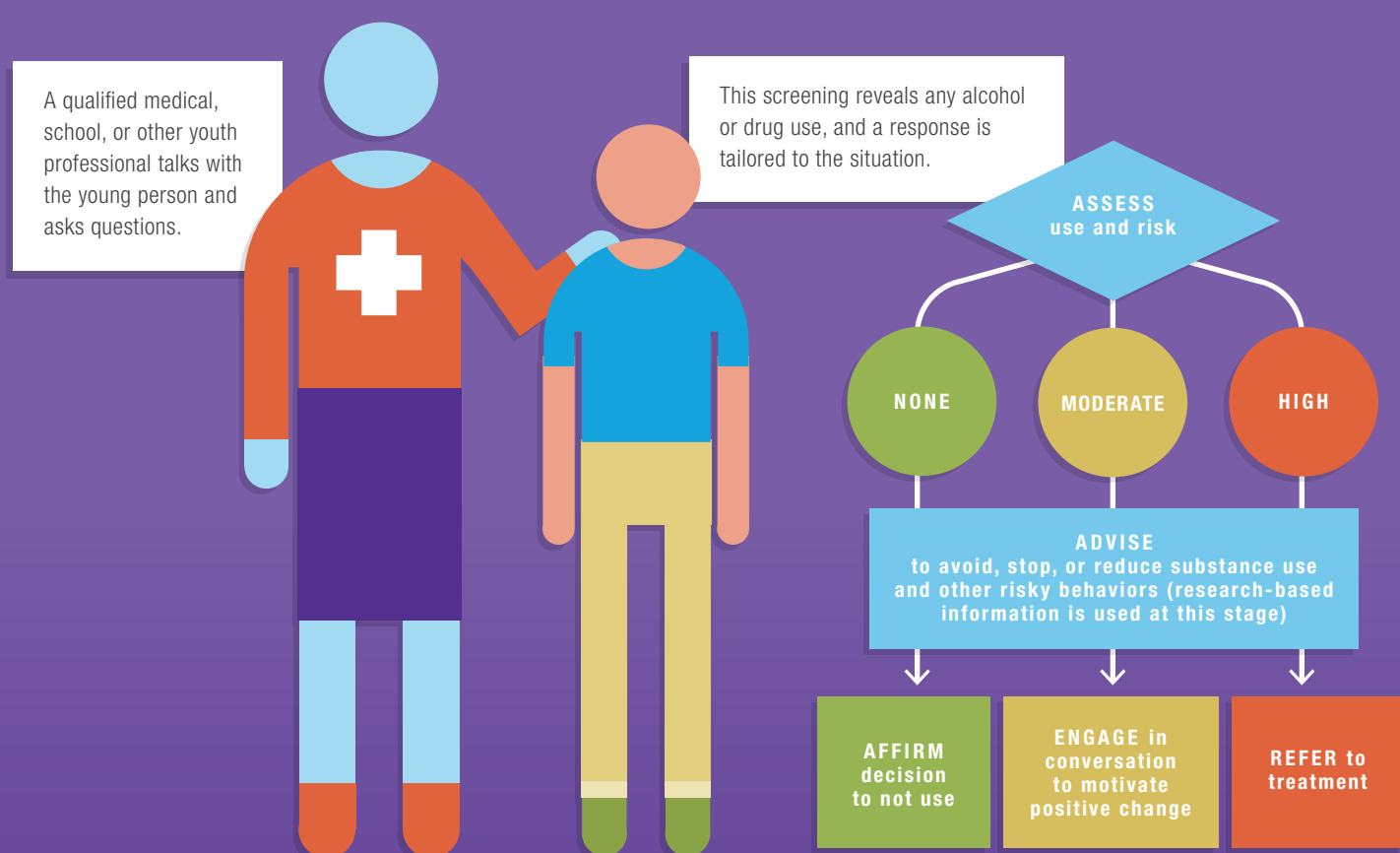
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Screening and early intervention: A practical, proven approach

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Advancing the approach: Our strategic initiative

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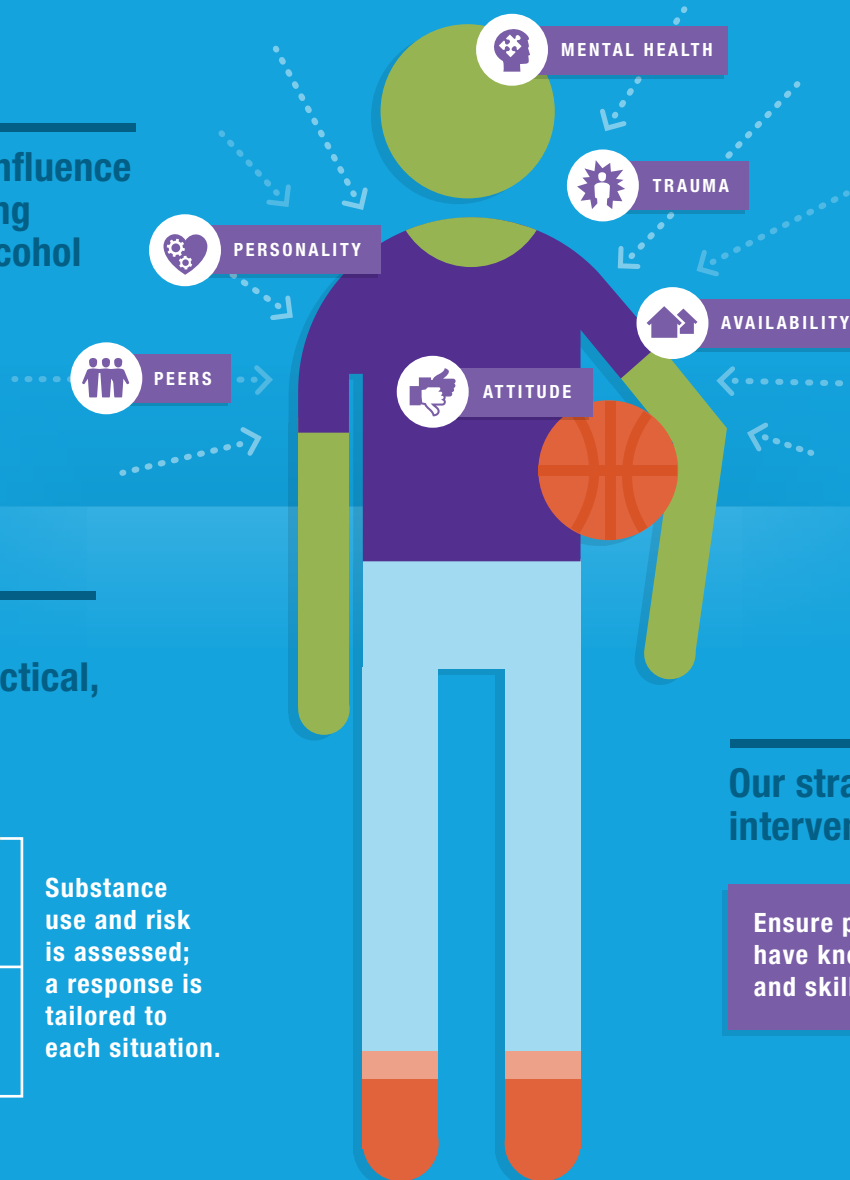
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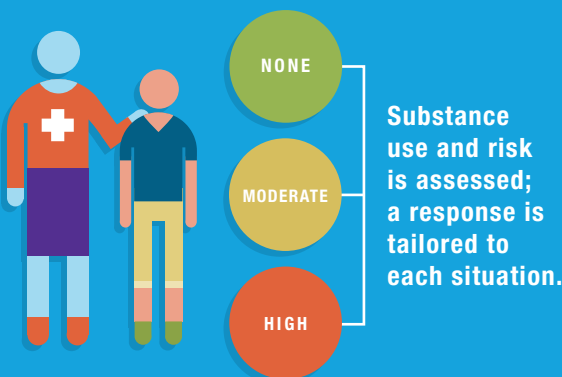


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Our strategy: Invest in screening and early intervention through three goals.

Ensure providers have knowledge and skills.

Improve funding, access, and implementation.

Conduct research and advance learning.