

# A Study on Drug Abuse on Juveniles and Role of Justice System in Chennai

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**Abstract:** *This study explores the pervasive issue of drug abuse among juveniles and examines the role of the justice system in addressing this problem. Through a comprehensive review of existing literature, statistical analysis, and case studies, the research identifies the primary factors contributing to substance abuse in youth populations, including socio-economic conditions, family dynamics, and peer influence. The study further evaluates the effectiveness of current justice system interventions, such as rehabilitation programs, juvenile detention, and community-based initiatives. Findings suggest that punitive measures alone are insufficient and highlight the need for a more rehabilitative approach that includes mental health support, educational opportunities, and community engagement. Our analysis suggests that a rehabilitative approach, integrating mental health services, educational opportunities, and community-based support, is crucial for fostering long-term recovery and successful reintegration of affected youths into society. The study advocates for policy reforms that emphasize prevention, early intervention, and comprehensive support systems. By adopting these strategies, the justice system can better serve as a catalyst for positive change, reducing recidivism rates and improving overall outcomes for juveniles struggling with drug abuse. The study concludes with recommendations for policy reforms and integrated strategies aimed at reducing juvenile drug abuse and promoting long-term recovery and reintegration into society.*

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