

Answering Hard Questions: Practice

1. In the risk factor “Early Initiation of the Problem Behavior,” when you say “use,” do you mean any use, like a sip of wine at a family dinner?
2. The risk factor “Early and Persistent Antisocial Behavior” pertains particularly to boys. Does this mean we don’t need to worry about girls?
3. Isn’t drug addiction just physical, something you’re born with?
4. Don’t all families have some risk factors?
5. How many risk factors does a child have to have before you need to start worrying about it?
6. If so many children use “gateway drugs” and only a small percentage develop a problem, how much do we really need to worry if our children use gateway drugs?
7. Are all of these risk factors evenly weighted? It seems like there is a big difference between not consistently rewarding a child and parents using drugs.
8. Does this mean that parents shouldn’t drink or that parents shouldn’t drink in front of the child—even a glass of wine with dinner?
9. From the statistics, it seems like most kids use when they’re relatively young, and I don’t think they’re all going to be addicts.