ACE PROJECT
Antecedents and Consequences of Electronic Cigarette Use

Researchers from Florida International University's (FIU) Center for Children and Families (CCF) and the Psychology Department are trying to understand factors that increase risk for starting e-cigarette use and the impact of these products on the brain. This project will involve youth and their caregivers completing questionnaires at FIU and for interested youth, a brain scan while completing tasks in a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner. This type of scan is completely safe.

16% of Florida high schoolers use e-cigarettes  25% of Florida youth (11-17 yo) have tried e-cigarettes

- Nicotine is highly addictive and can cause brain changes leading to addiction
- Little research has been done on why youth start vaping and the impact of use on the brain
- This knowledge is critical to help develop better prevention strategies
- This project will involve both youth who do and do not use e-cigarettes

Quick Facts

Students do not have to currently use e-cigarettes to be a part of the project
- Students entering grades 9 and 10 can participate up to 5 times during the course of the project
- Students entering grades 11 and 12 are eligible to participate in a one-time brain scan at FIU

Eligibility

This project can help inform prevention programs to reduce use of these products
- Access to professional development workshops focused on youth e-cigarette use offered by FIU's CCF
- Participating schools will receive $100 as discretionary funds for their support
- Participating families may receive up to $400

Benefits

Next Steps

Interested schools/families should contact ACE Project staff directly to set up an informational session
- Eligible families will be invited to FIU as no research activities take place in schools
- Interested youth will need parental consent to participate

For more info, email aceproject@fiu.edu or call us at 786-708-1606
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PARTICIPATE IN A PAID RESEARCH PROJECT!

IF YOU'RE A TEEN WHO DOESN'T VAPE OR USE E-CIGARETTES, OR IF YOU'RE A TEEN WHO HAS, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A PROJECT ON LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF E-CIGS AND VAPING.

We are interested in learning how personality, friends, and brain differences impact a teen's decision on whether to use or not use e-cigarettes.

This project includes teens who have not tried e-cigarettes and those that have. Participation is voluntary.

This project will involve up to five visits to FIU's main campus to complete questionnaires and brain imaging. Participants will be paid up to $400 for completing all aspects of the project.

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