Marijuana

• In the brain the THC from the Marijuana connects to the cannabinoid receptors. These receptors influence pleasure, memory, thought, concentration, time perception, and coordinated movement.
• Marijuana is smoked in cigarettes, or joints, as well as bongs, pipes, and emptied out cigars. Sometimes Marijuana is mixed with food or brewed with tea.
• Some of the physical effects of Marijuana include dizziness, nausea, dry mouth, sedation, blood shot eyes, increased heart rate, coughing from lung irritation, increased appetite, and decreased blood pressure.
• Some of the social effects are memory loss, difficulty thinking, increased sociability, talkativeness, enhanced sensory perception, heightened imagination, impaired judgment, emotional liability, disorganized thinking, inability to converse, paranoia, confusion, restlessness, anxiety, depression, and schizophrenia.
• Legally Marijuana is not allowed in the US for any circumstances, as stated in the controlled substances act, it is a schedule one drug so it has a high volume of use. Depending on the amount of Marijuana involved punishments can range from 5 to 30 years in prison, and fines can range from up to $10,000 dollars on the first offense all the way up to $500,000 on subsequent offenses.
• The first community resource I found was Sagebrush Treatment, which offers detoxification for adolescent substance abuse, their phone is (703) 444-9141 and their website is www.sagebrushva.com. The next service I found was Reston Youth Services, which offers substance abuse treatment for adolescents; their phone is (703) 481-4004. The final service I found was the Loudon County Mental Health Center, which offers mental health recovery services for substance abusing adolescents; their website is www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=121, and their phone is (703) 771-0320.
• Some of the common street names are Aunt Mary, BC bud, blunts, boom, chronic, dope, gangster, ganja, grass, hash, herb, hydro, indo, joint, kif, Mary Jane, mota, pot, reefer, sinsemilla, skunk, smoke, weed, and yerba
• Some interesting facts are that hashish and hashish oil are stronger forms of Marijuana that come from the same plant, and that no deaths have been reported for overdoses of Marijuana.