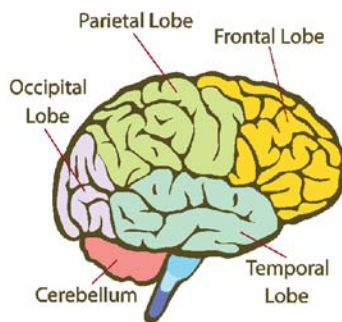


teen brain

Adolescence can be a challenging time. Teens confront pressures from all directions: parents, siblings, friends, enemies, frenemies, crushes, teachers, administrators and most of all, themselves.



The good news is, in order to handle these pressures, teens are equipped with the most adaptive brains on the planet.

Until the brain is fully developed in the mid-20s, teens soak up knowledge like a sponge. This wondrous malleability is responsible for both the most exciting aspects of adolescent life and its unique risks. Substance abuse is one of these risks.