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Original Work Proposal

A large problem in the pharmaceutical industry today is prescription drug abuse found among local communities nationwide. I think it would be interesting to discover how adults and teenagers view that issue in Frisco and if they pursue prescription abuse and if they know the harmful effects that are tied to it. I want to discover why people feel the need to stop taking a prescription halfway through their advised dosage or the ties between taking a prescription not medically prescribed by a doctor. Hopefully, the research that I complete will inform my community in Frisco of how prevalent drug abuse is and the research that I have conducted to help solve this issue.

Through researching commonalities between the age groups of teenagers and adults and the common effects and percentages associated with suburban drug abuse, I hope to not only enhance my knowledge of drug abuse, but my community's understanding. My goal of my original work is to make a large impact on someone's life, so that way they can see the detriments of abusing prescriptions. Also, by discovering the most effective way to ask questions tied to surveys in order to get the most accurate results. After spending ample time researching drug abuse and how to convey that information in a well-organized survey, I will submit it through a google form and get feedback from peers and other adults in my community about their experience with drug abuse. I hope to attain at least 200 responses indicating the age group

of the person, their experience with prescription drug abuse, and if they know the effects of abuse. I will spread my survey through Reedy High School and ask other peers from other schools to spread the word, so I can get the most results with accurate and meaningful information. The results from the survey will give me the information I need to fuel my research into my final product.

I hope to ask my future mentor for advice on this topic and how to tweak my original work to become something manageable and realistic. Through the information in my survey and the help of my mentor, I hope to gain a better understanding into pharmacy that shows the technicalities of hard work and innovation.