

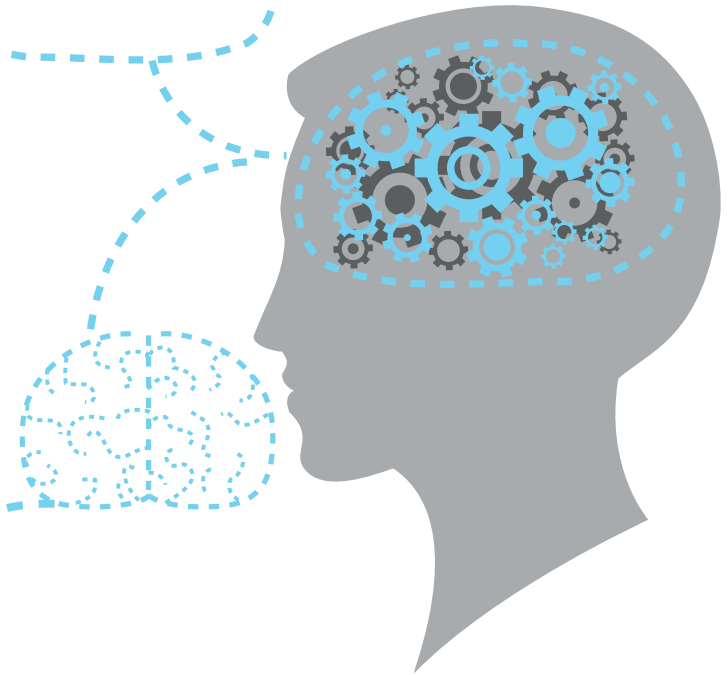
EVER WONDER WHY TEENAGERS DO STUPID THINGS?

The teenage brain is not fully developed

Recent scientific evidence shows that it actually has to do with the fact their brains are still developing, until their early 20's.

Older adolescents (14-17 years) are more prone to reckless behaviour.

The act of engaging in such high-risk crimes only points towards a lack of maturity, rather than an excess of it.



THIS HAS AN IMPACT ON HOW TEENAGERS BEHAVE AND FUNCTION

Understanding consequences and controlling actions



The last part of the brain to develop is the frontal lobe, responsible for executive decision-making.

When an adult sees a warning sign, he knows when to obey.

This is where a adolescent would be more impulsive, take more risks and be unable to understand the negative results of his actions.

CAPACITY FOR CHANGE

While many juveniles often make bad choices, the fact that the adolescent brain is still developing means that the youth have the capacity for change, if provided with right guidance and rehabilitative services.

