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**Essay Topic: IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW**

If I could invent something new, I will invent a device known as **“save our families**”. This device will be used to detect early onset of drug use in children and young adults. This is because in the recent times, young adults have resorted to experimenting with drugs.

Substance use and abuse among young people in Nigeria has become both a health and social problem. It is so worrisome that it has become the center of every discussion in Nigeria. Most families are greeted with a child who is supposed to be pursuing academics, meddling with drugs. Government as well as individuals are fighting hard to see how this great monster that is ravaging our country could be savaged. Why government and researchers are formulating policies, on how to navigate a way out. Youths of our time have become deeply amerced in seeking elusive pleasure they derive from drugs.

More often than not, parents do not notice when their children have started experimenting with drugs, but only to realize when it is “too late to cry”. Hence, most of our young ones who are supposed to be leaders of tomorrow are now roaming the streets in their beads to chase happiness and highness that comes from drug use, and most of them have lost family ties.

This scanning device will indeed become a game changer in preventing and detecting early onset of drug use and subsequent mental health challenges. This scanning device will be a non-invasion wearable device that will have an advanced sensor to detect drug use in children, which will have various features that will be affordable for everyone to purchase, it will come in a pendant design, wrist band. I will also invent urine toxicology test, like the common pregnancy test that anybody can afford, there should also be educational resources and support services that will be accessible through mobile app, which will help educate parents on how to detect and educate them.

The potential impact of this device will involve early intervention, which will identify drug use at its earliest stages, enabling prompt intervention and support to prevent addiction and long term damage. Helps to deter children from experimenting with drugs, knowing that they can be detected with such device that is readily at home. Improve health by reducing drug related health issues, such as overdose, organ damage, and mental health problems. Enhance safety and create a safer environment for children, free from drug related risk and influences Empower parents with valuable insights about drug use, enable them to address drug use and support their children’s well-being. Break the cycle of intergenerational addiction, by addressing drug use early. Reduce societal burdens, by decreasing the economic and social imparts of drug addiction in our country, because drug treatment is very expensive and its effect can impact on families and society at large.

By inventing this scanning device known as save our families, I have offered a vital tool in the fight against drug abuse, by preventing young ones from experimenting with drugs, and supporting their well-being, and future.