

A Weekly FAX From the Center for Substance Abuse Research**University of Maryland At College Park ******Employee Drug Tests Indicate 4.3% Positive for Drugs***

Statistics from the Maryland Medical Laboratory show that 4.3% of the 138,123 specimens from employees and job applicants tested positive for some drug. Cocaine was the drug most frequently detected (1.5%), followed by Cannabinoids (marijuana, 1.3%). These persons were tested by government and private industry in and around Maryland. The tested population excludes Maryland State employees, persons tested for clinical or medical reasons, and persons referred by the criminal justice system. The rates of drug use in the employee population contrast greatly with the rates found among booked arrestees in large cities, where 50% or more test positive for a drug, typically cocaine.

URINALYSIS RESULTS FOR JOB RELATED DRUG TESTING

(N = 138,123 specimens tested between June, 1991 and May, 1992)

<u>Drug/Metabolite</u>	<u>Number of Positives</u>	<u>Percent Positive</u>
Cocaine (Metabolite)	2044	1.5
Cannabinoids	1734	1.3
Opiates	1047	.8
Ethyl Alcohol	433	.3
Phencyclidine	218	.2
Amphetamines	151	.1
Benzodiazepines	147	.1
Barbiturates	96	.1
Propoxyphene	40	<.1
Methadone	23	<.1
Methaqualone	4	<.1

SOURCE: National Center for Forensic Science, a division of Maryland Medical Laboratories, 1901 Sulphur Spring Rd., Baltimore, MD. 21227.

1992 CESAR SPEAKER SERIES: NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, OCTOBER 16th

CESAR is proud to announce the opening presentation of the 1992 Speaker Series. Scheduled panelists for the discussion on needle exchange programs are Dr. Don DesJarlais, Director of Research at the Chemical Dependency Unit of Beth Israel Medical Center; The Honorable Stuart Simms; State's Attorney for Baltimore City; and Dr. David Vlahov, Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at The Johns Hopkins University. The discussion is scheduled for October 16, 1992 at the Center for Adult Education, Room 0105 from ten a.m. to twelve noon. The Speaker Series is open to the general public.

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