

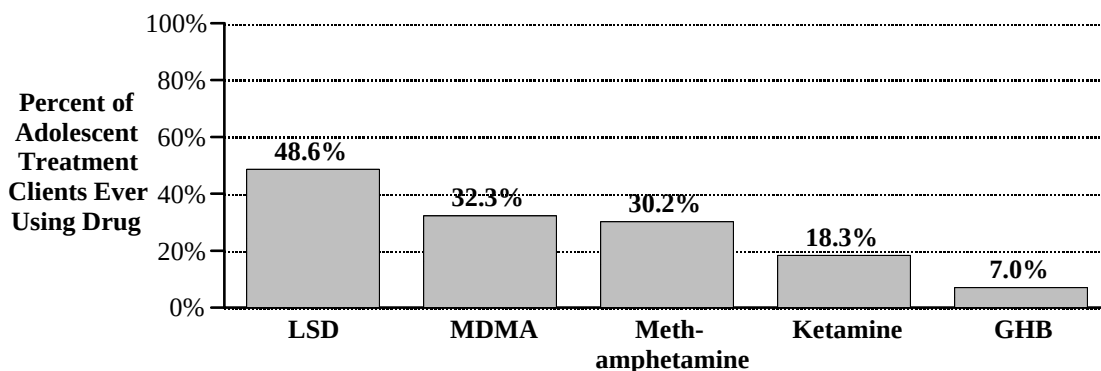
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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***Colorado Survey Finds Relatively High Rates
of Lifetime Club Drug Use Among Adolescent Treatment Clients***

Previous survey research on club drug use has focused almost exclusively on student, household, and rave populations. However, relatively high rates of club drug use have also been found among youths in treatment, according to a recently published Colorado study. Nearly one-half of adolescents in publicly funded substance abuse treatment programs in Colorado reported using LSD at least once in their lifetime and nearly one-third reported using MDMA or methamphetamine (see figure below). The authors note that while high rates of club drug use in a treatment population may not be surprising, they underscore the importance of continued collection of information about club drug use among youths in treatment. Specifically, "state agencies that monitor and plan for adolescent and young adult treatment needs should consider incorporating club drug variables into existing treatment client data collections systems" if they are not already doing so (p. 97).

**Percentage of Adolescent (age 17 and younger) Treatment Clients
Reporting Lifetime Use of Club Drugs, Colorado, 2001**
(n=486)



NOTE: Data presented are from a survey of a convenience sample of adolescents and young adults receiving treatment from 13 publicly funded substance abuse treatment programs in Colorado from May through September 2001.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Hopfer C., Mendelson B., Van Leeuwen J.M., Kelly S., Hooks, S. "Club Drug Use Among Youths in Treatment for Substance Abuse," *The American Journal on Addictions* 15(1):94-99, 2006. For more information, contact Dr. Christian Hopfer at christian.hopfer@uchsc.edu.

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