

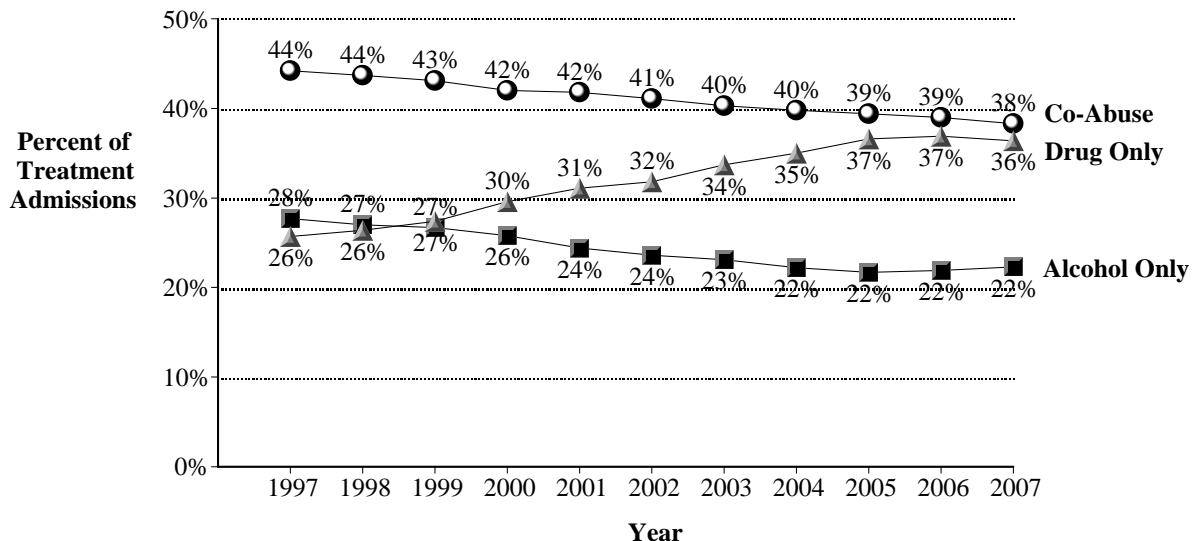
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *Percentage of Drug-Only Treatment Admissions Increased from 1997 to 2007; Now Rival Admissions for Co-Abuse of Alcohol and Drugs*

Substance abuse treatment admissions are now nearly as likely to be for the treatment of drug-only problems as for the co-abuse of alcohol and drugs, according to the most recent data from the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). Between 1997 and 2007 (the most current year for which data are available), the percentage of U.S. substance abuse treatment admissions for the co-abuse of alcohol and other drugs decreased from 44% in 1997 to 38% in 2007. At the same time, the percentage of admissions solely for drug abuse increased from 26% to 36%, rivaling those for co-abuse. The percentage of treatment admissions for the abuse of only alcohol, which had surpassed drug-only admissions in 1997, decreased from 28% to 22% over the period. While these findings may reflect actual changes in substance abuse and dependence, they may also be the result of other factors, such as changes in insurance policies or access to treatment.

#### **Percentage of U.S. Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions for Alcohol Only, Drug Only, and Co-Abuse of Alcohol and Drugs, 1997 to 2007**



NOTE: TEDS only includes facilities that are licensed or certified by the State substance abuse agency to provide substance abuse treatment (or are administratively tracked for other reasons). In general, facilities reporting TEDS data are those that receive State alcohol and/or drug agency funds (including Federal Block Grant funds) for the provision of alcohol and/or drug treatment services.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), "Treatment Admissions Reporting Abuse of Both Alcohol and Drugs: 1997-2007," *The TEDS Report*, March 4, 2010. Available online at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/207/207AlcDrug2k10.cfm>.

#### **Find Listings and Directions to Maryland Treatment and Other Community Resources**

The interactive MDCSL website ([www.mdcs.org](http://www.mdcs.org)) allows users to quickly find detailed resource listings for a variety of Maryland community resources, including substance abuse treatment and housing services.