

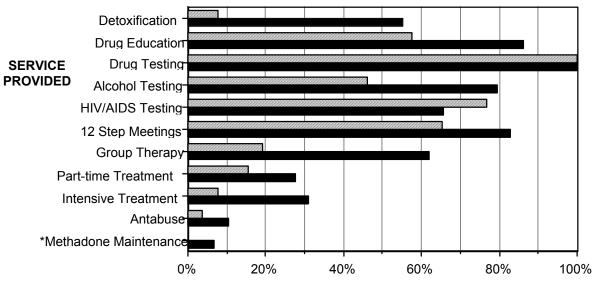
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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CESAR Releases Survey of Substance Abuse Services Provided by Correctional Facilities in Maryland

Although many state and county correctional facilities in the United States provide substance abuse services, the range and types of those services are not well known. Even within individual states, such information is neither easily accessed nor widely disseminated. The Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), at the request of the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission, has attempted to address this problem by conducting a survey of substance abuse services at Maryland state and county correctional facilities. A report of the findings of the survey is now available.

One hundred percent of the 56 facilities responded. Of these, CESAR found that virtually every prison and detention facility in Maryland provides drug testing, although fewer test for alcohol use (79% of detention centers and 46% of prisons). Testing for HIV/AIDS is available at most facilities (77% of prisons and 66% of detention centers). Twelve Step programs (AA and NA), group therapy, and/or part-time treatment are available at many, though by no means all, facilities. Intensive treatment is offered at only nine detention centers and two state prisons. To receive a copy of the report, contact CESAR at 301-403-8329.



Comparison of Substance Abuse Services Provided by State and County Correctional Facilities

PERCENT OF INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING SERVICE

State Prisons Work Release/Pre-Release Centers (N = 26).
County Detention/Pretrial Centers and Jails (N = 29).
*State facilities do not provide methadone services at this time.

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