

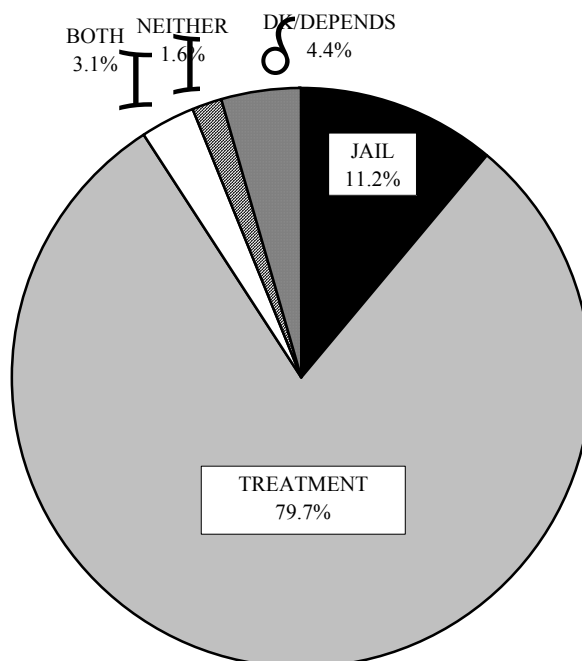
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Marylanders Favor Treatment Over Jail For First Time Convictions for Drug Possession

Approximately 80% of Maryland residents think that persons convicted for the first time for possession of illegal drugs for personal use should be sent to treatment programs. Only 11% thought first time offenders should be sent to jail. Another 3% thought first time offenders should be sent to both jail and treatment programs. Similar responses were found regardless of gender, age, race/ethnicity, marital status, education, and employment status.

Should A Person Be Sent To Jail Or To A Treatment Program For A First Time Conviction For Possession Of Illegal Drugs For Personal Use?



SOURCE: Statewide telephone poll of 1,001 adults age 18 or older, conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center, College Park. Fall '92 Poll conducted between November and December, 1992. Margin of error: $\pm 3\%$.

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