

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

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### *NIDA-Funded CDUHR Supports Critical Research on Substance Use and HIV*

The Center for Drug Use and HIV Research (CDUHR) is the first center for the socio-behavioral study of substance use and HIV in the United States. Continuously funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse since 1998, the Center's goal is to enhance interdisciplinary research on HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases among drug users and other vulnerable populations. CDUHR provides a research infrastructure in support of the work of investigators from four institutions<sup>1</sup> and currently has more than 50 active research projects. Research findings are disseminated via Facebook, Twitter, and a quarterly e-newsletter.<sup>2</sup> The Center also summarizes findings from completed projects in Fact Sheets that are available on their website ([www.cduhr.org](http://www.cduhr.org)). Recently published Fact Sheets include:

- *Couples Who Inject Drugs: Barriers to Treatment (September 2013)*: While injection initiation among intimate partners is common and many of these relationships endure, there is a lack of viable options for couple-focused treatment approaches that fit within the current drug treatment system. Recommendations include having drug-using couples enter drug treatment concurrently, and that individual, as well as couple-specific needs be addressed in the treatment plan.
- *Young People Who Inject Drugs Are Increasing in the United States (August 2013)*: The study found that the number of young people who inject drugs increased from 1996 to 2002 and continued to increase through 2006-2007. In addition, the more young people who inject drugs in a population in a given year, the more drug-related deaths and accidental and unintentional poisoning deaths there were that year.
- *A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Interventions to Prevent Hepatitis C Virus Infection in People Who Inject Drugs, and Policy Implications (February 2013)*: Available research indicates that Hepatitis C virus infection can be prevented among people who inject drugs, particularly by using prevention strategies that combine substance use treatment and support for safe injection.

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