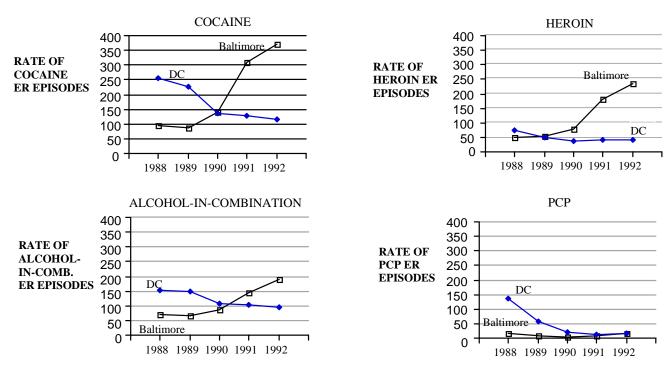
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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DAWN Data Reveal Increasing Rates of Drug-Related Emergency Room Episodes in Baltimore; Rates Are Stable in Washington, D.C.

According to 1992 data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network, the estimated rates of cocaine-, heroin-, alcohol-in-combination-, and PCP-related emergency room (ER) episodes have increased since 1988 in the Baltimore metropolitan area but stabilized, at lower levels in the Washington metropolitan area. In the Baltimore metro area, the 1992 rates of cocaine-, heroin-, alcohol-in-combination-, and PCP-related ER episodes were the highest since 1988. The rates in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area show decreasing trends between 1988 and 1990 and have remained relatively stable since 1990.

Estimated Rates (Per 100,000 Population) of ER Drug Abuse Episodes in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Areas, by Major Drug, 1988 through 1992



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

CESAR SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS MR. JAY CARVER, Director of D.C. Pretrial Services, on "The New D.C. Drug Court Experiment"

The lecture will be held at 3:00 pm on May 24, 1994, in the Atrium of the Stamp Student Union at UMCP.