

CESAR Releases Report on Drug Use Among Juvenile Detainees at Noyes Facility

CESAR is pleased to release a report on drug use by boys detained at the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center in Rockville. Between June and August 1993, 105 detainees agreed to be interviewed and provided a voluntary and anonymous urine specimen. The report compares findings at Noyes with results from a similar study conducted at the Thomas J. S. Waxter juvenile detention facility in Laurel. The findings provide insight into differences in drug use among a suburban detainee sample (at Noyes) and in a Baltimore City sample (at Waxter). Major findings were:

- Self-reported lifetime use of alcohol, LSD and marijuana was greater among the youths at Noyes than at Waxter;
- Noyes youths were more likely to test positive for marijuana (19% vs. 8%);
- In both facilities, youths charged with sale or possession of drugs were most likely to test positive; and
- None of the youths who tested positive for cocaine or opiates admitted recent use of the drug in the confidential research interview administered by a nurse or addictions staff.

The full report is available upon request from CESAR (301) 403-8329.

SOURCE: E.D. Wish, T.A. Gray, and H. Zimmeroff. 1994. "Estimates of Drug Use Among Male Juvenile Detainees in Maryland: A Summary Report of a Pilot Study Conducted at the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center in Rockville, Maryland."

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CESAR is seeking to identify effective interventions for violent, substance-abusing youth. Please contact Marie Ragghianti at 301-403-8329 (telephone), 301-403-8342 (fax), or Marie@cesar.umd.edu (e-mail) if you have information or suggestions. Thank you!

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