

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

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***New Study Finds Substance Abuse/Dependence  
Most Common Psychiatric Disorder Among Female Detainees***

A recently released study used the Diagnostic Interview Schedule to obtain prevalence estimates for psychiatric disorders among a randomly selected sample of female pretrial detainees in Chicago. Drug abuse or dependence (mainly heroin and cocaine) was the most prevalent disorder, regardless of race, education, or age of the detainee. Over one-half met the criteria for drug abuse/dependence within 6 months of the interview. According to the authors, "psychiatry and the criminal justice system must allocate resources and design programs to reach women who are diverted at arrest, who need treatment while in jail, and who need liaison with community programs after they are released" (p. 511).

**Prevalence of Psychiatric Disorders in Past 6 Months Among  
Female Detainees in Chicago, 1991-1993  
(N=1,272)**

Disorder	Percent
Drug Abuse/Dependence	52.4%
Alcohol Abuse/Dependence	23.9
Post-traumatic Stress Disorder	22.3
Severe Disorders*	15.0
Antisocial Personality Disorder	13.7
Dysthymia (Chronic Depression)	6.5
Generalized Anxiety Disorder	2.2
Panic Disorder	1.4
<b>Any Psychiatric Disorder</b>	<b>70.3</b>

\*Severe disorders include schizophrenia, manic episodes, and major depressive episodes.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Linda A. Teplin, Karen M. Abram, and Gary M. McClelland, *Prevalence of Psychiatric Disorders Among Incarcerated Women*. Archives of General Psychiatry, 1996, 53:505-512. For more information, contact Linda Teplin at 312-503-3500.

**OJJDP TO AWARD \$4 MILLION TO JUVENILE MENTORING PROGRAMS**

The federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting applications for its Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP), which has \$4 million to support one-on-one programs for youth at risk. Applications are due September 20, 1996. For more information, contact Travis Cain or Cora Roy at 202-307-5914.

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