

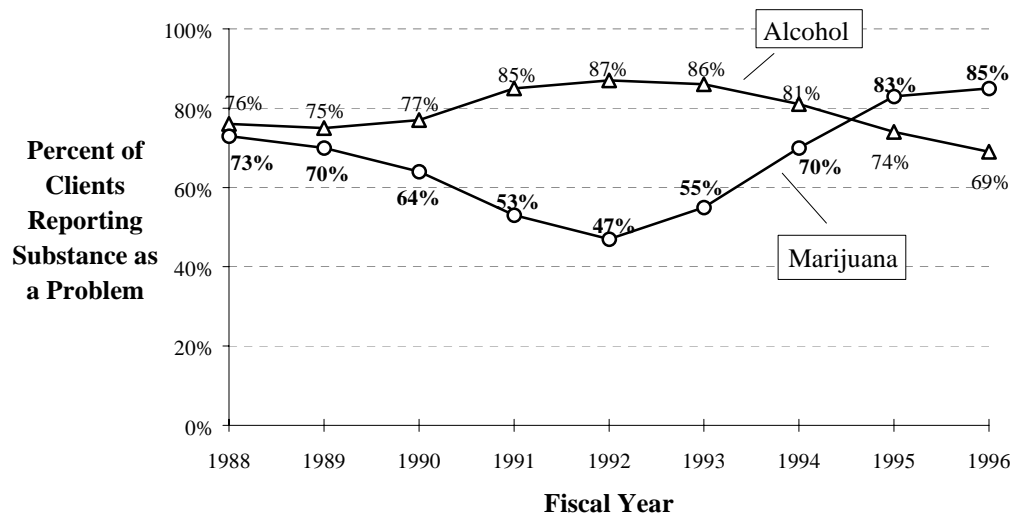
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Marijuana Replaces Alcohol as the Most Frequently Cited Substance of Abuse Among Juveniles Entering Maryland Treatment Programs

Data from the Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS) show that marijuana is the most frequently mentioned substance of abuse among juveniles entering Maryland treatment programs. During the first 9 months of fiscal year 1996, 85% of the juvenile treatment clients reported marijuana as an abused substance while only 69% reported alcohol. Marijuana mentions have been increasing steadily among juveniles since 1992, when they reached a low of 47%.

Percentage of Maryland Juvenile Treatment Admissions Reporting Alcohol and Marijuana as a Substance of Abuse, Fiscal Year 1988 to 1996*



*FY 1996 data are for the first 9 months of FY 1996. Percentages add to more 100 because each client may report up to 3 substances of abuse at the time of admission to a treatment facility.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS), Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA). For more information, contact Vickie Kaneko of ADAA at (410) 767-6890.

\$20 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR "SMOKELESS STATES" GRANTS

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has \$20 million in grants for the development and implementation of comprehensive statewide tobacco control programs in the areas of education, treatment, and policy initiatives. Only one grant application will be accepted from each state.

For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Houston or Kathleen Harty at 312-464-4903.

Applications are due September 30, 1996.

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