

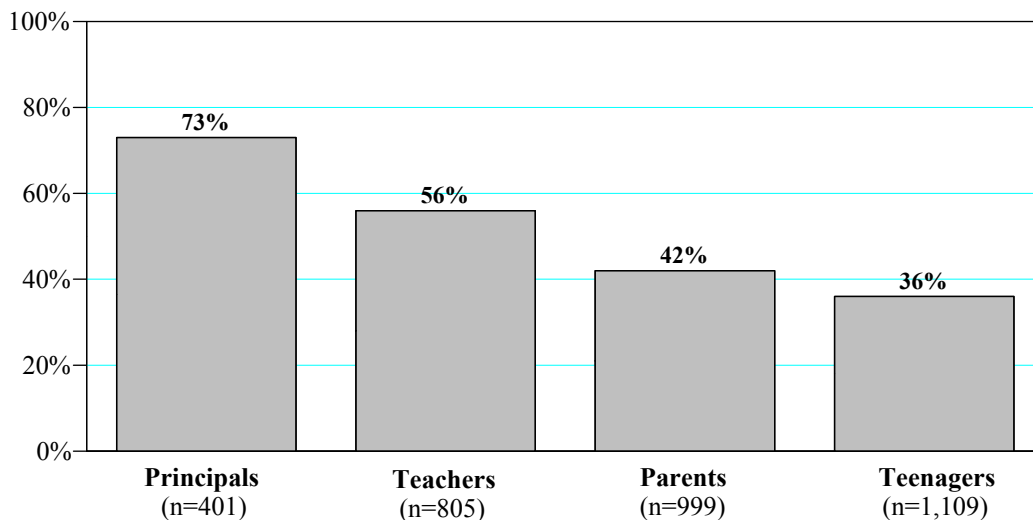
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Teens and Teachers Have Differing Perceptions of Whether Schools Are Drug-Free

Teenagers' perceptions of drug use in their schools differ dramatically from those of educators, according to the results of two national surveys conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA). The majority of principals (73%) and teachers (56%) surveyed reported that their school was drug-free, in that students do not keep, use, or sell drugs on school grounds. In contrast, only 36% of teens participating in a separate household survey reported that their school was drug-free. According to CASA, attending a school which is not drug-free is "one of the factors which significantly increases a teen's risk of substance abuse" (p. 16).

Percentage of Respondents Reporting That Their School is Drug-Free, 1997



NOTE: The surveys of teachers and principals were conducted by telephone in June 1997 with a random sample selected from a commercial list of persons in these occupations. The surveys of parents and teenagers were conducted by telephone in June and July 1997 with a random sample of households in the 48 contiguous states.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA), "1997 CASA National Survey of Teens, Their Parents, Teachers & Principals," WWW document (Adobe Acrobat); URL <http://www.casacolumbia.org/pubs/index.htm> (downloaded 9/10/97). For more information, contact Alyse Booth at 212-841-5260.

Conference on HIV/AIDS in the Workplace to Be Held November 18, 1997

The Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) is sponsoring a free, day-long conference, "How to Respond to HIV/AIDS in the Workplace," on November 18, 1997 at the Baltimore Convention Center. This comprehensive program is designed to prepare business owners and managers to address HIV/AIDS as a workplace issue. To obtain a brochure and registration form, contact Ellen Miller (703-522-6272) or Judith Green-Slaughter (410-239-8033) before October 15.