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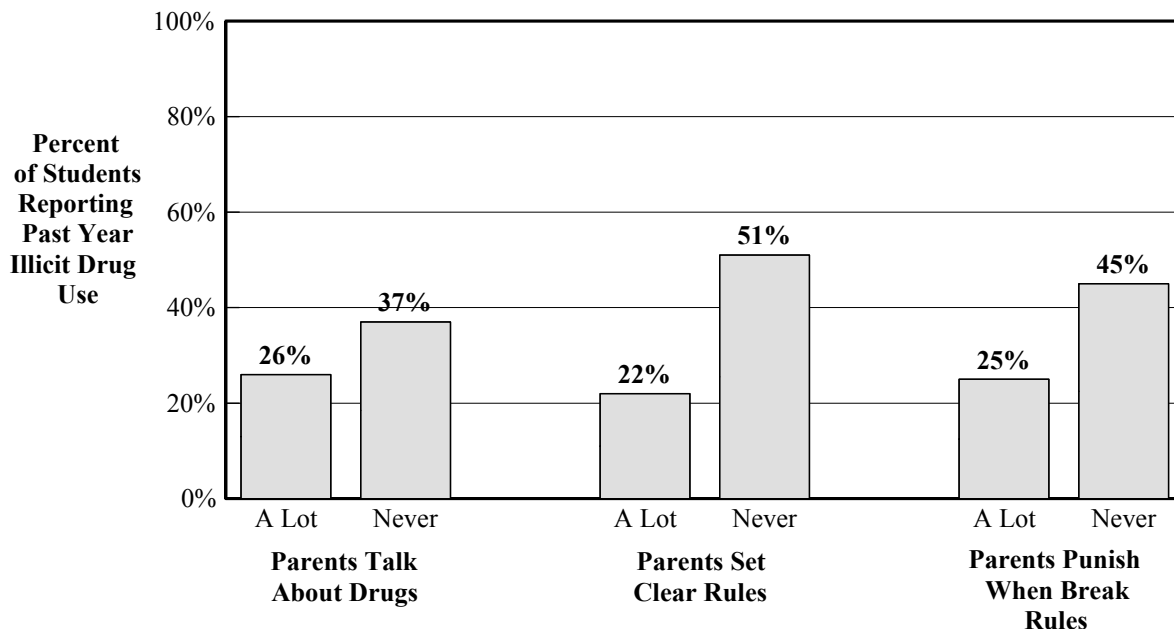
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PRIDE Survey Finds Relationship Between Parental Intervention and Student Drug Use

According to the most recent Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE) school survey, parents may have an important influence on their children's' drug use. Students who reported that their parents talked to them "a lot" about the problems of alcohol and other drugs were less likely to report using any illicit drug in the past year than students whose parents "never" discussed drugs with them (26% vs. 37%). Illicit drug use was also lower among students whose parents regularly set clear rules for them and who punished them when they broke the rules. The authors believe that "this study accentuates the important role that parents play in preventing drug use" (p. 2). For more information, contact Doug Hall of PRIDE at 770-458-9900.

Percentage of Students (Grades 6-12) Reporting Any Illicit Drug Use in the Past Year, by Parental Intervention, 1996-1997

(N=141,077)



NOTE: The PRIDE survey was administered to 141,077 middle and high school students from 28 states. Questionnaires were completed between September and June of the 1996-1997 school year.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from "Junior High Students Continue to Show Increases in Drug Use," Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE) Press Release, WWW document; URL <http://www.prideusa.org/press96> (downloaded 11/6/97).