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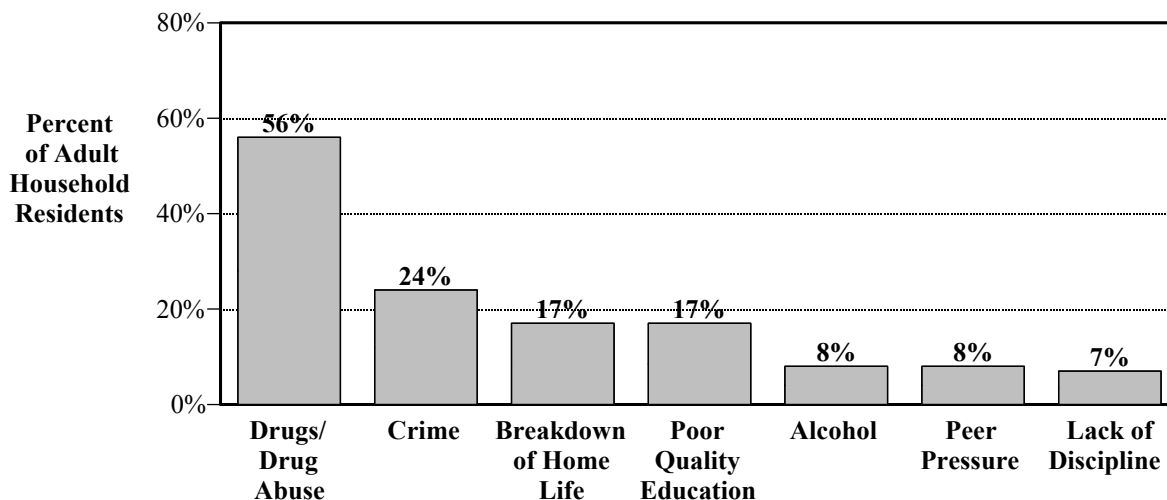
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### *Drug Abuse Tops the List of Americans' Concerns for Children*

Drugs and drug abuse are the number one problem confronting American children, according to a telephone survey released last month by Harvard University, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the University of Maryland. Of the 1,501 adult household residents surveyed, 56% rated drugs and drug abuse as one of the "most serious problems facing children in America today," far outranking such other concerns as crime (24%), the breakdown of home life (17%), and poor quality education (17%). For more information, contact Robert Blendon of Harvard University at 617-432-4502.

#### **"What Do You Think Are the Two or Three Most Serious Problems Facing Children in America Today?"**

(N=1,501 U.S. Adult Household Residents, 1997)



NOTE: Percentages do not total 100% because respondents were allowed to give more than one response.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from "Survey: Drugs Dominate Americans' Concerns for Kids: Big Changes from 1986, When Child and Sexual Abuse Registered" (WWW document; URL <http://www.rwjf.org/media/12-08-97.htm>; downloaded 12/15/97), and "Attitudes Toward Children's Health Care Issues" (Questionnaire with Weighted Frequencies, Revised with Cleaned Data 2/25/98), November 1997.

#### **Drug Prevention and Treatment Seminar to be Held in Greenbelt, Md.**

"What Works: Proven Methods for Drug Prevention and Treatment" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md. The seminar, sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Prince George's County (MHAPGC), is targeted to parents and teachers as well as corrections and mental health professionals. The registration fee is \$25 for MHAPGC members and \$30 for nonmembers. For more information, call 301-699-2737.

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