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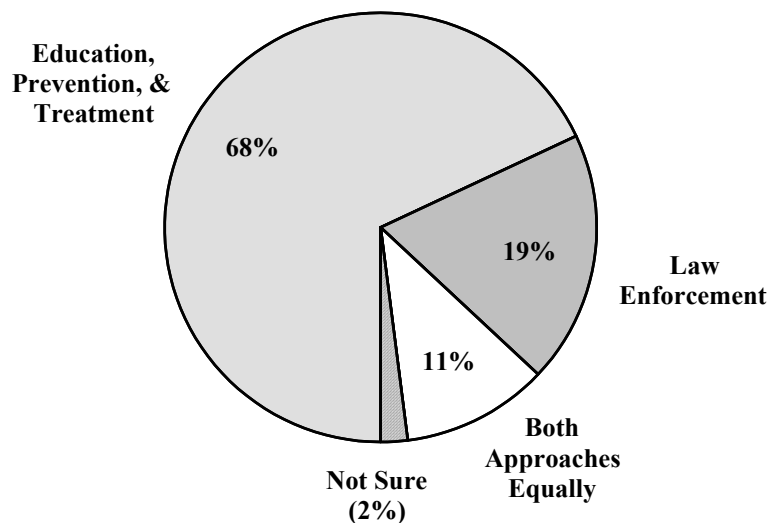
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***D.C. Residents Say Drugs Have a Major Impact on Their Lives;  
Support Education, Prevention, and Treatment to Reduce Drug Problem***

Drugs have a major impact on the lives of D.C. residents, according to the results of a household telephone survey conducted this past June. Over half (55%) of adult D.C. residents have seen or heard about drugs being sold in their neighborhood, and just over one-third (35%) personally know someone who regularly uses illegal drugs. Thirty-six percent said that the problems caused by drug sellers and users in their neighborhoods have changed the way their family lives. To reduce the District's drug problem, the majority of residents support providing more funds and attention to drug education, prevention, and treatment (see figure below).

**Which One of the Following Approaches Do You Favor More to  
Help Reduce the Drug Problem Here in the District?"**

(n=801 adult Washington, D.C. residents)



NOTE: The response "Both Approaches Equally" was a volunteered response. The margin of error for the survey is  $\pm 3.5\%$ .

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from "City Views on Drug Abuse: A Washington, DC Survey," August 1998. Conducted for Drug Strategies by Peter D. Hart Research Associates. For more information, contact Drug Strategies at 202-663-6090 or [dspolicy@aol.com](mailto:dspolicy@aol.com).