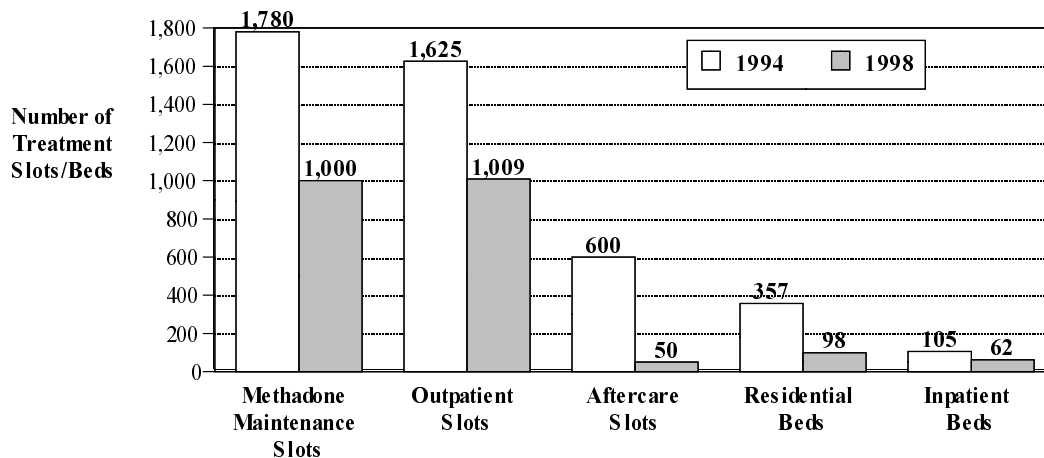


***Report on Drug Use in Washington, D.C.
Finds City's Current Treatment Efforts Inadequate***

Publicly funded drug treatment is scarce in the District of Columbia, according to a report released Friday by Drug Strategies. "Facing Facts: Drugs and the Future of Washington, D.C." examines the nature and extent of substance use in the District, its impact on crime and health, and available prevention and treatment programs. According to the report, the District's treatment capacity has dropped significantly since 1994. The number of methadone maintenance treatment slots available decreased from 1,780 in 1994 to 1,000 in 1998--despite the fact that in an average month, 90% of D.C. residents on a treatment waiting list are waiting for admission to a methadone maintenance program. The report recommends a significant increase in funding for treatment services. Currently, the District spends \$42 per capita on prevention and treatment--compared to \$1,257 per capita on criminal justice.

**Number of Washington, D.C. Publicly Funded
Treatment Slots and Beds Available, 1994 and 1998**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Drug Strategies, "Facing Facts: Drugs and the Future of Washington, D.C.," 1999. For more information, contact Drug Strategies at 202-289-9070.

Washington, D.C. Substance Abuse Report Now Available from Drug Strategies

To request a complimentary copy of the report, "Facing Facts: Drugs and the Future of Washington, D.C.," fax your name and address to Drug Strategies at 202-414-6199. The report is also available on their web site (www.drugstrategies.org).