

DEWS Website Provides Valuable Information Regarding Drug Trends in Maryland

If you are looking for information on emerging drug trends in Maryland, snapshots of current use, or actions the state has taken to respond to substance use and abuse, the Drug Early Warning System (DEWS) website (www.dewsonline.org) is the place to go. Listed below is a brief description of the types of information available on the DEWS website.

- **About DEWS:** Check out DEWS' accomplishments and press releases and learn more about our mission to help identify, understand, prevent, and respond to drug use in Maryland.
- **Regional Drug Information:** Use our searchable database to learn about the nature and extent of substance abuse in Maryland's counties. Statistics provided include overdose deaths and other injury related to drug and alcohol use, admissions to drug and alcohol abuse treatment clinics, and criminal justice statistics such as drug arrests.
- **Publications:** Access recent DEWS publications such as *DEWS County Snapshots*, *DEWS Fax*, OPUS and Drug Scan reports, and *DEWS News*. Special publications such as *Ecstasy in Maryland* and *Oxycodone in Maryland* can also be found on this page.
- **Methodology:** Learn about the methodologies used to conduct Drug Scan and OPUS studies. Review descriptions and caveats for each substance abuse indicator monitored by DEWS.
- **Multimedia:** View the "Heroin Kills" and "Stolen Dreams: The Reality of Ecstasy" videos to learn about the real effects of drugs on Maryland's youth. See samples of materials used in Maryland's public awareness campaign on ecstasy.

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