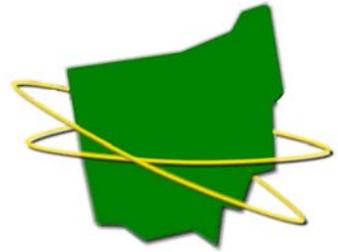




OSAM-O-GRAM

DATE: January 2004
DATELINE: Ohio

Wright State University
The University of Akron



OSAM Network Executive Summary: June 2003 – January 2004 Period

Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends

Toledo:

- Heroin abuse increasing among white youth and young adults.
- Increasing diversity of crack-cocaine users.
- Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence.

Akron:

- Methamphetamine continues to increase in availability and abuse among white young individuals.
- Increasing heroin abuse among white youth and young adults.
- Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence.
- Increasing diversity of crack-cocaine users.

Cleveland:

- ADAM data indicate relatively high levels of PCP abuse as compared to other areas of the nation.
- Heroin abuse increasing among white youth and young adults.
- Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence.
- Increasing diversity of crack-cocaine users.

Dayton:

- Heroin abuse among white youth and young adults continues to increase.
- Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and heroin dependence.
- Methamphetamine continues to increase in availability and abuse, especially among white youth and young adults.
- Increasing diversity of crack-cocaine users.
- DXM abuse reported among suburban high school youth.

Columbus:

- Increasing heroin abuse reported among white youth and young adults.
- Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence.
- Increasing diversity of crack-cocaine users.
- Methamphetamine increasingly available and abused among white youth and young adults.
- Some increases in LSD availability.
- DXM abuse reported among suburban high school youth.

Youngstown:

- Heroin abuse increasing among white youth and young adults.
- Increasing reports of pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence.
- Increasing diversity of crack-cocaine users.
- Methamphetamine continues to increase in availability.
- New reports of DXM abuse among high-school age youth.

Cincinnati:

- Heroin abuse increasing among white youth and young adults.
- Increases in "street" availability of Dilaudid® and methadone tablets reported.
- Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence.
- Increasing diversity of crack-cocaine users.
- Methamphetamine continues to increase in availability and abuse in the suburban areas.

Athens:

- High availability of Ecstasy in the area.
- Ritalin® and Adderall® abuse common among college age young adults; similar trend reported in other areas of the state.
- As in most other areas of the state, active users reported an increase in availability of powdered cocaine.