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DATELINE: Ohio

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Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends

June 2007 – January 2008

Toledo:

- High availability of crack; moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl.
- Moderate to high availability of heroin; increases in treatment admissions.
- Low to moderate availability of methamphetamine.
- High and increasing availability of pharmaceutical opioids.
- Increasing availability of Suboxone®.
- Users report high but Toledo crime lab reports low availability of Xanax®; moderate availability of other benzodiazepines.
- Users report ongoing trend of diversion and abuse of Seroquel®.
- Increasing, high availability of MDMA and lower prices.

Cleveland:

- High availability of crack; moderate and potentially increasing availability of cocaine HCl, despite a brief summertime "drought."
- Moderate to high availability of heroin.
- Potential increases in availability of methamphetamine.
- Low to moderate availability of benzodiazepines.
- Moderate to high and increasing availability of pharmaceutical opioids, including OxyContin®; some increases in Dilaudid® availability.
- High and increasing availability of Suboxone®, according to users.
- Crime lab confirms user reports of high and increasing availability of MDMA and PCP.

Columbus:

- High availability of crack and increased reports of injection.
- Moderate availability of cocaine HCl; reports of summertime "drought."
- Moderate and increasing availability of heroin; decreasing prices; black tar remains the most commonly seen form.
- Users report decreasing availability of OxyContin®; other pharmaceutical opioids of moderate to high availability.
- Low to moderate, increasing availability of Suboxone®.
- Users report high, crime lab reports moderate, declining availability of benzodiazepines.
- Low to moderate availability of methamphetamine.

Akron:

- High availability of crack; moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl despite a brief "drought" in the summer.
- Moderate to high availability of heroin.
- Oxycodone- and hydrocodone-containing products highly available; increases in street availability of fentanyl.
- Users and crime lab report availability of Suboxone®.
- Moderately high availability of benzodiazepines.
- Low to moderate and declining availability of methamphetamine.
- High and increasing availability of MDMA.

Dayton:

- High, availability of crack and moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl despite a brief summertime "drought."
- High, increasing availability of heroin; increases in treatment admissions.
- Moderate to high availability of pharmaceutical opioids; decreases in OxyContin® availability.
- Crime lab reports low availability of Suboxone®.
- High availability of Xanax®, increase in Klonopin®.
- Reports of Seroquel® abuse among adolescents.
- Low to moderate availability of methamphetamine.
- Moderate, increasing availability of MDMA.

Youngstown:

- High availability of crack despite a brief summertime "drought."
- Moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl.
- Moderate to high availability of heroin.
- Moderate to high availability of pharmaceutical opioids; increases in fentanyl availability.
- Users report moderate to high availability of Suboxone®.
- Moderate availability of benzodiazepines.
- Users report low to moderate but crime lab reports high availability of MDMA.

Cincinnati:

- High availability of crack according to users; law enforcement reported record busts.
- Moderate availability of cocaine HCl; slight decreases were noted by users.
- Moderate to high availability of heroin; increases in black tar.
- Users report high (crime lab reports moderate) availability of pharmaceutical opioids; users report availability of Suboxone®.
- Moderate to high availability of benzodiazepines.
- Low urban, moderate rural availability of methamphetamine.
- Moderate availability of MDMA; slight increases were noted by users.

Athens:

- High availability of crack; slight increases were noted by users.
- Moderate to high availability of cocaine HCl.
- Moderate and increasing availability of heroin, increases in heroin-related treatment admissions.
- High availability of pharmaceutical opioids, decreases in OxyContin® prices.
- Crime lab reported low availability of Suboxone®.
- Users report low (crime lab reports moderate) availability of methamphetamine.
- Moderate availability of Adderall® and Ritalin®.
- Moderate availability of benzodiazepines.