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National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, 2008



Recovery Month Picnic Celebration

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America Substance abuse is an unrelenting evil that destroys lives, ruins families, and endangers neighborhoods. During National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, we emphasize our commitment to alcohol and drug addiction prevention. This month is also an opportunity to recognize those who have had the courage to combat and overcome addiction.

Alcohol and drug abuse require an aggressive response. My Administration will continue to help educate our children through the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. This Campaign urges parents and adults to safeguard our young people from the abuse of prescription drugs, focuses on random drug-testing in schools and in the workplace, and creates drug-free community coalitions. First Lady Laura Bush leads the Helping America's Youth initiative, which assists our youth in making healthy life choices through the participation of caring adults in their lives. The dedicated efforts of families, teachers, law enforcement, faith-based groups, and community activists are all important.

We are also working to reduce the supply of illegal drugs coming into our country and fighting demand here at home. In order to disrupt

the market for illegal drugs, the National Drug Control Strategy report has coordinated law enforcement efforts throughout our Nation to help dismantle channels of distribution, and we are also working with foreign governments to eradicate the trafficking of illegal drugs.

Too many of our citizens have been swept up in a cycle of addiction. Through faith-based and community groups, we have revolutionized the way we help people break the chains of addiction. The Access to Recovery program provides addicts with vouchers so that they can attend the treatment center of their choice. Our Nation's armies of compassion have helped nearly 200,000 clients rediscover their dignity and purpose through this program.

During National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and throughout the year, we underscore the worthy mission of confronting substance abuse. This year's theme, "Join the Voices of Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery," highlights the importance of providing hope and love to those who are trying to overcome drug and alcohol addiction and rebuild their lives. For more information on how to help fellow citizens and continue building a stronger community, visit recoverymonth.gov.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third. GEORGE W. BUSH



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Special points of interest

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KEEP KEEPS DRUGS FREE

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Concept House team at RECOVERY MONTH PICNIC CELEBRATION



The Concept House crew at the BBQ during the Recovery Picnic September 27, 2008

Report Shows Many Need Treatment for Substance Abuse

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) today unveiled a new kit and other materials to be used as part of the 15th annual

Recovery Month celebrations in September, as well as a new state report showing that overall 2.7 percent of persons 12 and older nationwide needed, but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug problem; and 7.3 percent needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem.

Recovery Month spotlights the need for alcohol and drug abuse treatment and recovery, and honors both those in recovery and treatment providers.

The report, "State Estimates of Persons Needing But Not Receiving Substance Abuse Treatment", found that New Mexico had the highest percentage, 3.5 percent, of its population aged 12 or older who needed *Continues on page 4.....*

The Keep Kids Drug Free (KKDF) South Florida Prevention Resource Center at Concept House, Inc.

The South Florida Prevention Resource Center at Concept House, Inc. provides substance abuse information and educational programs in the Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, which include but are not limited to the dissemination of alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs, teen pregnancy, violence, HIV/STD, education and information.

Our services include evidence-based prevention programs for elementary, middle and high school students, presentations to schools, parents, businesses, churches and community groups, as well as referrals for families and individuals experiencing drug or alcohol problems. We are determined to improve our support for Drug Free Youth activities by expanding our prevention work within the community.



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During the period of July 1st and September 30th, 2008 the **KKDF** Prevention Resource Center at Concept House, Inc. had impacted 7,890 individuals, 1,100 phone contacts, 1,650 e-mails contacts, 2,320 outreach contacts and 2,980 website hits. **KKDF** activities include the coordination of prevention, education and dissemination of materials to several Miami-Dade and Broward County public schools. **KKDF** Prevention Resource Center provide material and information to mental health facilities, hospitals, presentations at middle and high schools, attendance at local community health fairs and community faith based activities. The **KKDF** Prevention Resource Center at Concept House, Inc. sponsored the first **Red Ribbon Award Initiative**. The purpose of this initiative is to promote community awareness through youth prevention and education activities of the dangers associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

OJJDP Announces NISMART Bulletins

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) has published two additional bulletins in its National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children series.

[Sexually Assaulted Children: National Estimates and Characteristics](#) (NCJ 214383), the seventh bulletin in the series, provides information on the children who were sexually assaulted in the United States in 1999.

[Caretaker Satisfaction With Law Enforcement Response to Missing Children](#) (NCJ 217909), the eighth and final bulletin in the series, examines the perceptions of primary caretakers who contacted police when their children were abducted, ran away, were thrown away, or missing. *To read the complete article go to www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/*

Meaning of Teens Lingo

TGIF, RSVP or even ASAP may sound familiar; however as computers have transformed communications a new dialect has emerged: Internet lingo. Acronyms or character symbols called Emoticons (mixing symbols to express emotions or moods) enable teens to communicate with others in a few keystrokes. While often just a convenient and quick means of communication, many teens use these acronyms and symbols to warn their friends when parents might be present and even to discuss drug use in a code that parents can't decipher. Instant messages, blog entries and text messages often look like Sanskrit to parents, but decoding this lingo used in digital communications is an important monitoring skill that should not be overlooked. Here is a quick guide to help you translate what teens are saying online and in their cell phone text messages. Keep in mind that, as with street names for drugs, these symbols and acronyms are subject to frequent change, particularly when those who use them suspect that others have figured out what they mean.

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| POS | Parent Over Shoulder |
| PIR | Parent In Room |
| P911 | Parent Alert |
| PAW | Parents Are Watching |
| PAL | Parents Are Listening |
| KPC | Keeping Parents Clueless |
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| WYCM | Will You Call Me? |
| ASL | Age/Sex/Location |
| MorF | Male or Female |
| KFY | Kiss For You |
| MOOS | Member(s) Of the Opposite Sex |
| ADR | Address |
| LMIRL | Let's Meet In Real Life |
- HAK Hugs And Kisses
 ILU or ILYI Love You

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|------|----------------------------|
| KOTL | Kiss On The Lips |
| SMIM | Send Me an Instant Message |
| SMEM | Send Me an E-Mail |
| WUF | Where Are You From? |
| WYRN | What's Your Real Name? |
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|------|------------------------------|
| ;) | Winking |
| :(| Crying |
| #-) | Wiped out, partied all night |
| %*} | Inebriated |
| %\ | Hangover |
| 8-# | Death |
| :-d~ | Heavy smoker |
| :->< | Puckered up to kiss |
| :/i | No smoking |

To view the entire list, visit here
<http://www.computeruser.com/resources/dictionary/emoticons.html>.
 Drug Lingo <http://www.theantidrug.com/ei/drug_lingo.asp>
 Similar to Internet lingo, drug nomenclature can be cryptic. Parents can monitor for drug use by learning popular drug lingo and asking questions.

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TODAY
 GET YOUR "KEEP KIDS DRUG FREE"
 LICENSE PLATE AT THE TAG OFFICE
 Proceeds from the tag will go directly to drug
 and alcohol education and preventions programs
 to keep kids drug free in your area.

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in conjunction with
 The South Florida
 Prevention Resource Center
 at
 Concept House, Inc.
 sponsored a Red Ribbon
 Initiative Award to help
 and encourage schools
 to create drug free
 activities during
 Red Ribbon Week and
 School Homecoming
 Activities

"Young people's drinking behavior is much more influenced by overall parental behavior, peer influences, and the major influence of the media."

Dr. Valley -SAMHSA

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but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug use problem in 2002, while Wisconsin at 2.2 percent, had the lowest percentage. Nebraska had the highest percentage, 9.6 percent of population aged 12 or older who needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem, while West Virginia had the lowest percentage, 5.6 percent.

"We are working in partnership with all of the States to build substance abuse treatment capacity through increased funding in federal block and discretionary grants, including the new Access to Recovery Program announced by President Bush in March 2004," SAMHSA Administrator Charles Curie said. "The fear and stigma surrounding substance abuse treatment is a major reason why people do not seek help. Fortunately, everyone can do something to help reduce stigma. **Recovery Month** provides an opportunity to reduce stigma through education and celebrate the successes of people in recovery."

The materials for this year's **Recovery Month**, "Join the Voices for Recovery....Now!", include SAMHSA's Recovery Month planning kit, TV and radio public service announcements and other web-based and print materials. These materials were developed by and will be used by more than 75 organizations and coalitions within and outside the alcohol and drug addiction treatment field. The Recovery Month kit contains information on each of the target audiences identified by the national planning groups; a full section on materials that can be adapted by each participating community; and multiple lists of alcohol and drug addiction treatment agency and program resources.

The TV and radio public service announcements, produced in both English and Spanish, aim to dispel

negative characterizations about individuals who have achieved sobriety and are now in recovery, as well provide messages for those who are in need of recovery and would like to find addiction treatment services.

The Report on treatment need is based on data from SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which asked questions to determine if people needed treatment for drug or alcohol abuse. The report deals with persons who needed and received treatment at drug or alcohol rehabilitation facilities, inpatient or outpatient; hospital inpatient units; or mental health centers. It does not include treatment at an emergency room, private doctor's office, self-help group, prison or jail, or by a hospital as an outpatient.

The study found that 6.3 million persons needed but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug problem and 17 million persons needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem. The 10 states with the highest rates of needing but not receiving treatment for a drug problem were New Mexico, Arizona, Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Vermont, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia.

California was not in the top tier of states with the highest percentage of population needing treatment, but it had the largest total number of persons 12 and older who needed but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug problem. California had 819,000 people in this category in 2002, about 13 percent of the total number of persons in need in the nation. Similarly, California, had the largest number of persons in need of treatment for an alcohol problem, approximately 2 million persons, which is over 11 percent of the total number nationally who needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem. The new data show that Nebraska

had the highest percentage, 9.6 % of its population aged 12 and older, in need of treatment for an alcohol problem. Other states in the top tier for percent of population in need of treatment for alcohol problems included South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Arizona, the District of Columbia, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. West Virginia had the lowest percent of population age 12 and older, 5.6 percent, who needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem. Other states in the lowest fifth included Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maine, Maryland, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Oregon.

The report on state estimates of persons needing but not receiving substance abuse treatment is available at www.oas.samhsa.gov. Recovery Month materials are available on the web at www.recoverymonth.gov. or

www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org



The Pathway to Recovery

at the Recovery Month Celebration

September 27, 2008



Florida Keep Kids Drug Free Prevention Centers

The Keep Kids Drug Free Foundation financially supports the Regional Prevention Centers.



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Please feel free to contact the nearest Regional Prevention Center from the listing below for more information

KEEP KIDS DRUG FREE PREVENTION CENTERS	LOCATION ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION
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Northeast	Gateway Community Services 555 Stockton Street Jacksonville, Florida 32204	Freda Colley 904-493-5423 fcolley@gatewaycommunity.com
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