

Highlights of Statewide Drug Use Trends January 2004 – June 2004

Toledo:

Increases in heroin-related overdose cases reported among white college age youth. Continuing increases in pharmaceutical opioid abuse, especially among white suburban youth and young adults. Continuing increases in powdered cocaine availability and abuse.

Cleveland:

First reports about street availability of a generic form of OxyContin®. Continuing reports about consistent availability and abuse of PCP among inner city youth and young adults. Heroin abuse increasing among white youth and young adults. Treatment providers report some increases in crack-cocaine abuse among adolescents.

Akron:

Continuing reports about increases in locally-produced methamphetamine. Increasing heroin abuse among white youth and young adults. Continuing reports about increasing abuse of methadone tablets. Connection between initial pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence.

Dayton:

Methamphetamine remains a growing problem among diverse user populations, including white youth and young adults. Reports about new forms of administration ("hot railing"). Heroin abuse among white youth and young adults continues to be reported as a common trend. New reports about increasing abuse of methadone tablets. Powdered cocaine and crack cocaine remain a growing problem in the area and across the state.

Youngstown:

Heroin availability and abuse increasing; treatment providers report increasing admissions for heroin abuse. Continuing reports about increasing abuse of methadone tablets. Powdered cocaine and crack-cocaine remain a growing problem in the area. Reports about a continuing problem of methamphetamine abuse, especially among white youth and young adults. Continuing reports of DXM abuse among high-school age youth.

Athens:

First reports about possible increases in crack-cocaine abuse. New evidence about increases in heroin availability and abuse. New increases in methamphetamine abuse reported in the area. Continuing increase in availability of powdered cocaine. Similar to other areas of the state, Ecstasy abuse may be decreasing.

Columbus:

Methamphetamine increasingly available and abused among white youth and young adults. Heroin remains a growing problem, especially among white high school and college age youth. Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence. New reports about increasing availability and abuse of methadone tablets obtainable from pain clinics. Similar to other areas of the state, continuing reports about high availability of crack-cocaine.

Cincinnati:

First reports about abuse of a generic form of OxyContin®. Heroin abuse increasing among white youth and young adults. Continuing increases in "street" availability of methadone tablets reported. Methamphetamine continues to increase in availability and abuse in the suburban areas. Connection between pharmaceutical opioid abuse and subsequent heroin dependence remains a common trend in the area as well as across the state.