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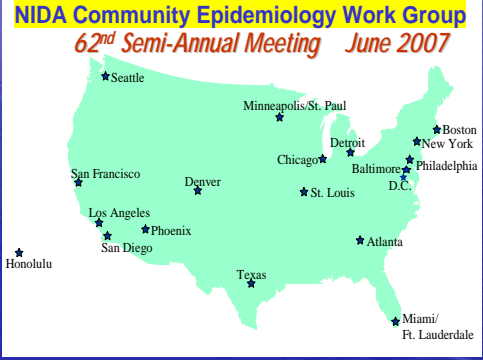
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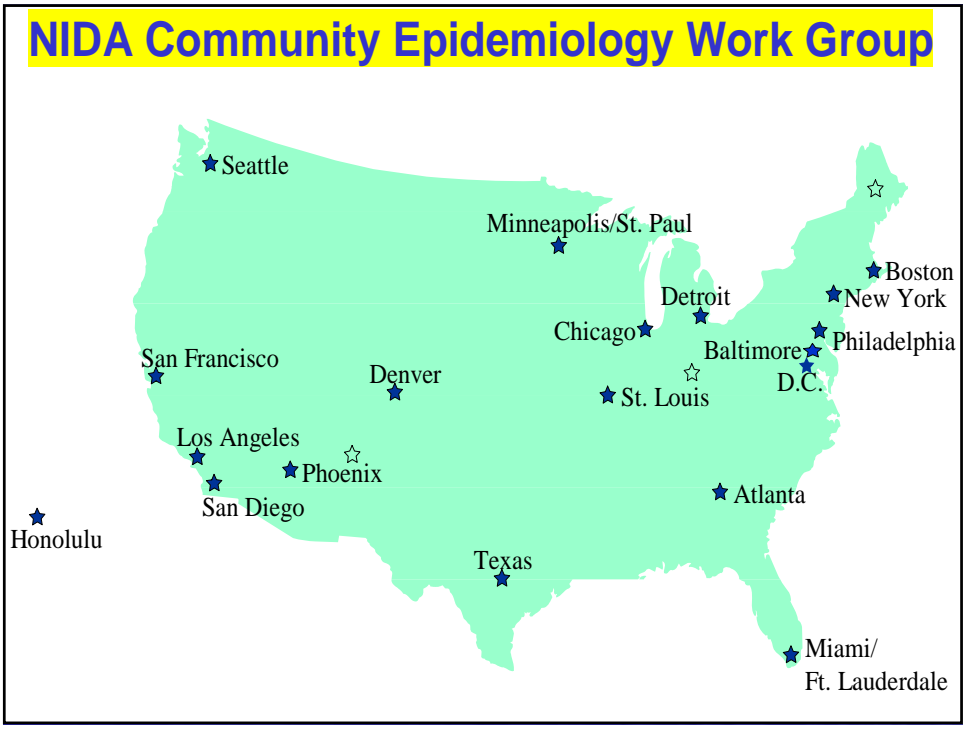
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**Mission:**  
**Monitor Drug Abuse Trends by Tracking Existing Data Sources Within and Across 22 Local Areas in USA**

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**Goals:**

- **To Characterize Changes in Drug Use**
- **To Provide Early Identification of New Patterns and Emerging Drug Abuse issues**

**Most Current Publication  
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Highlights and Executive Summary**

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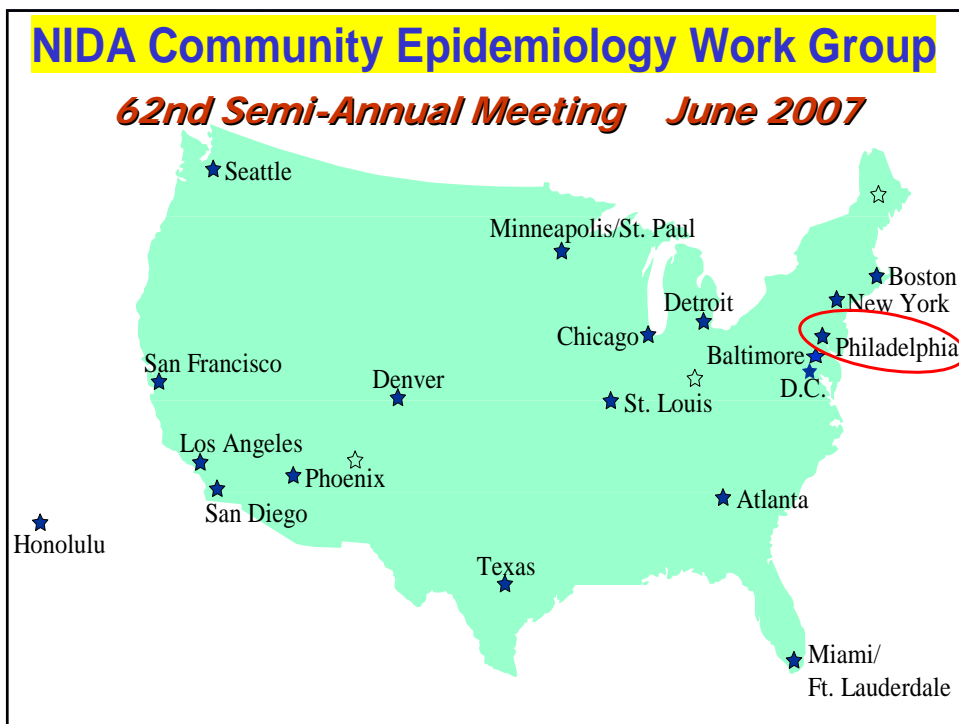
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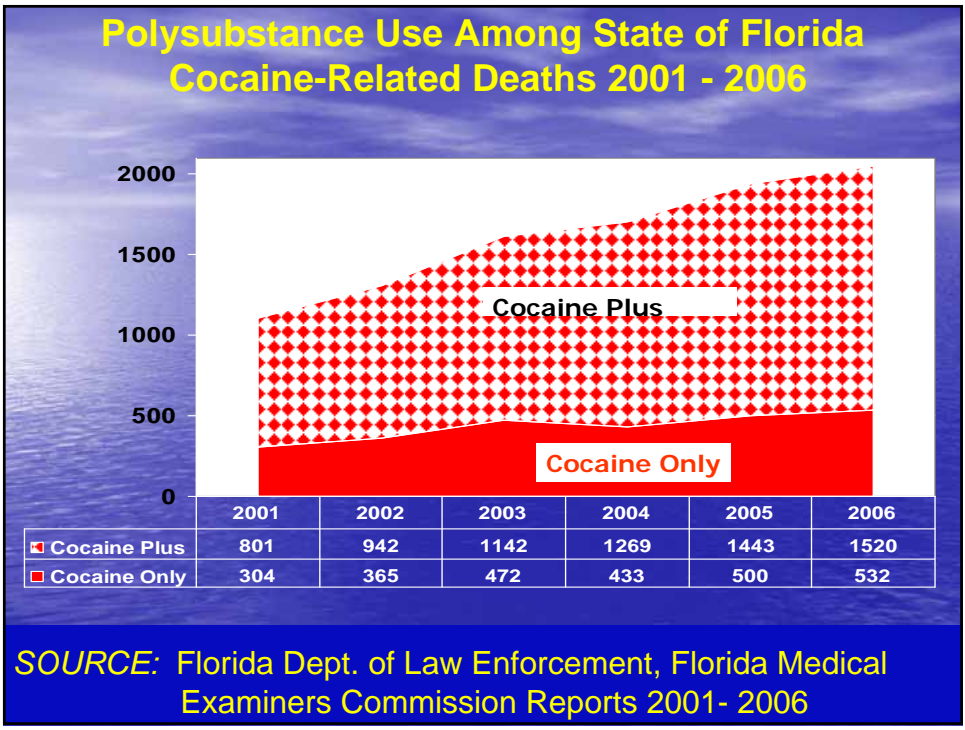
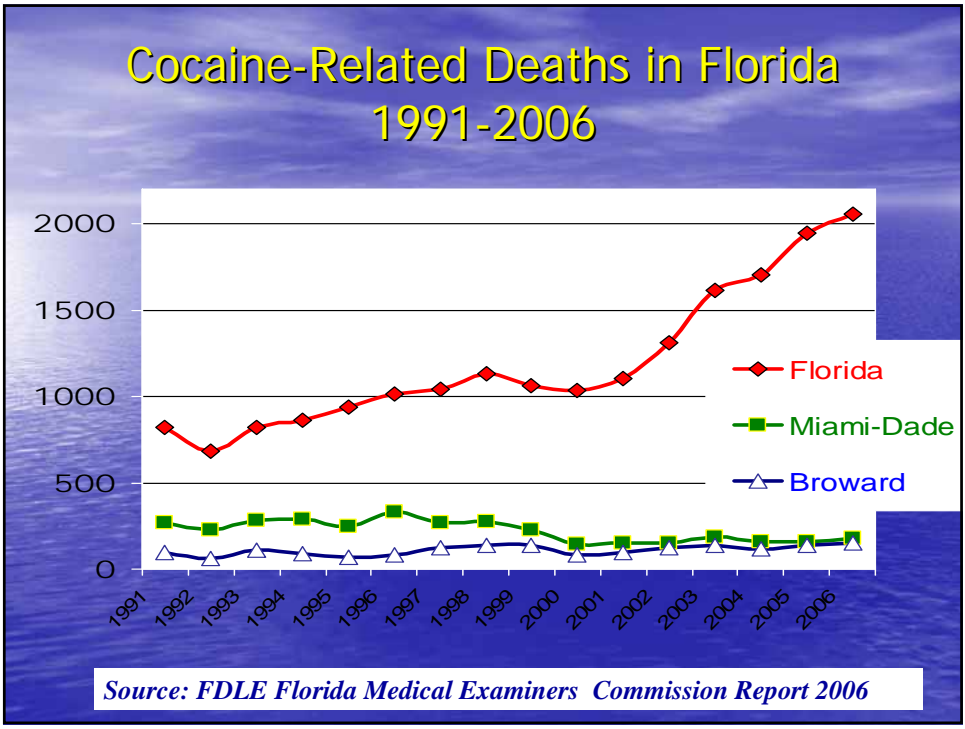
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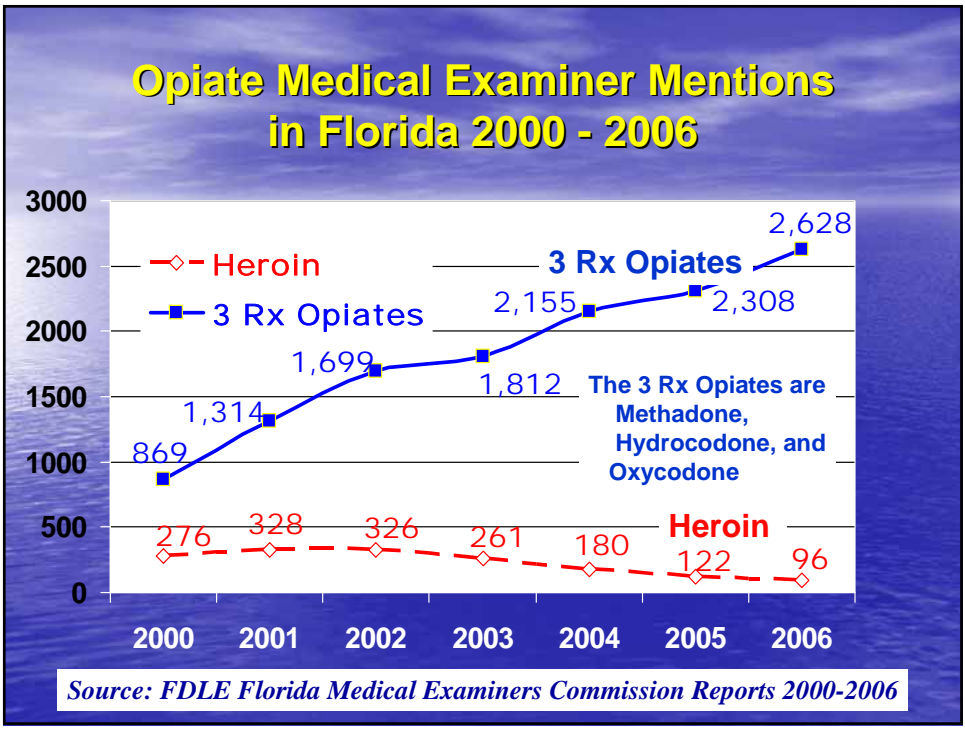
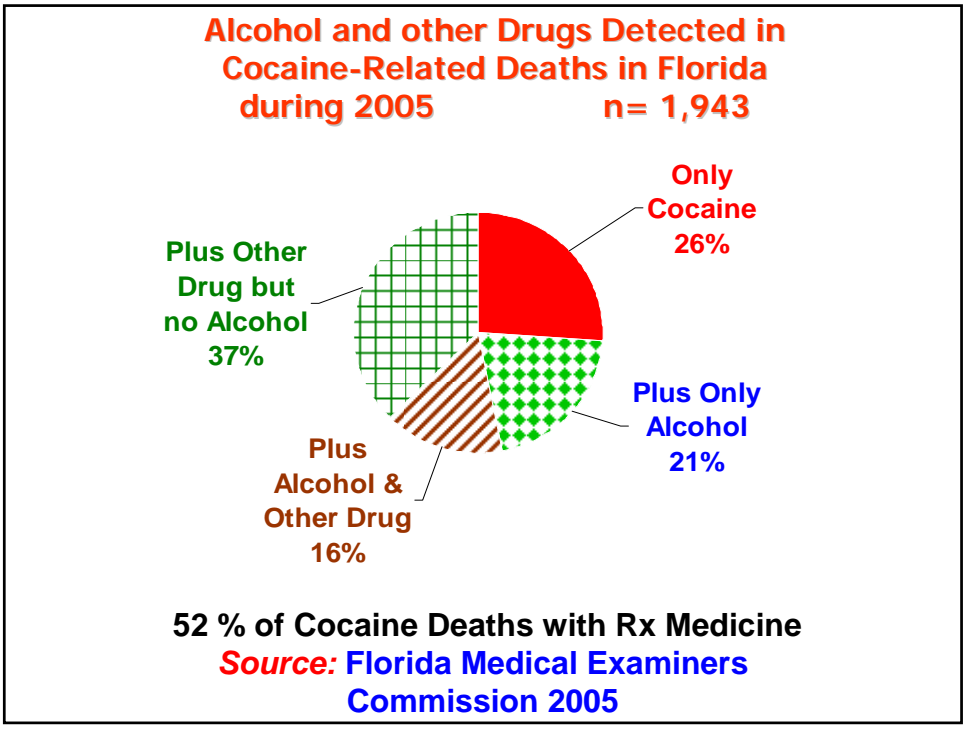
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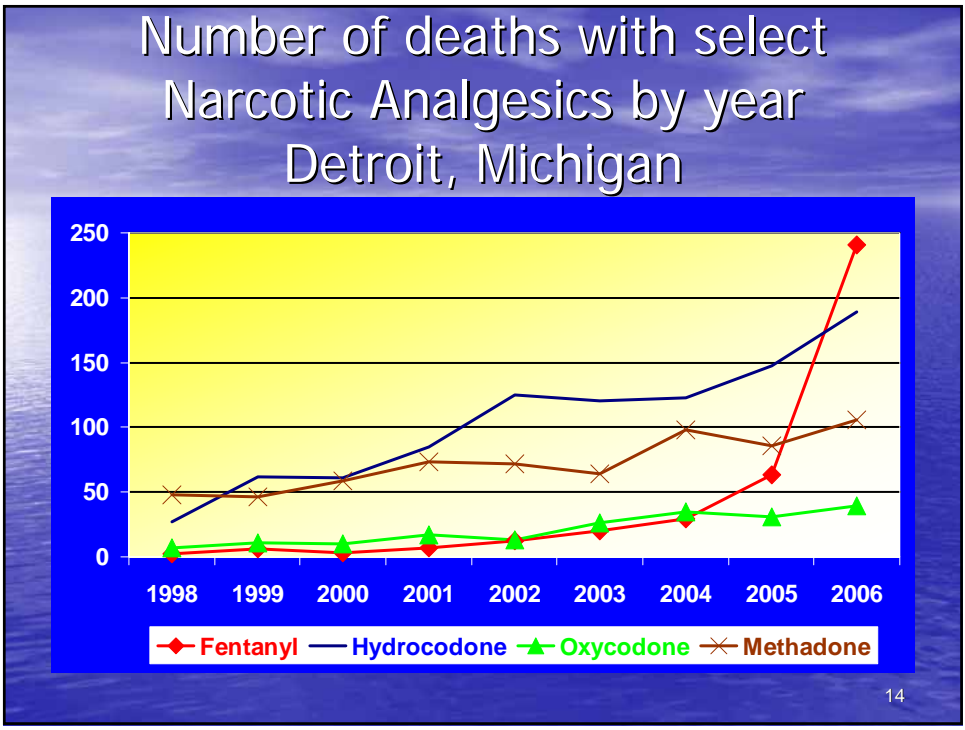
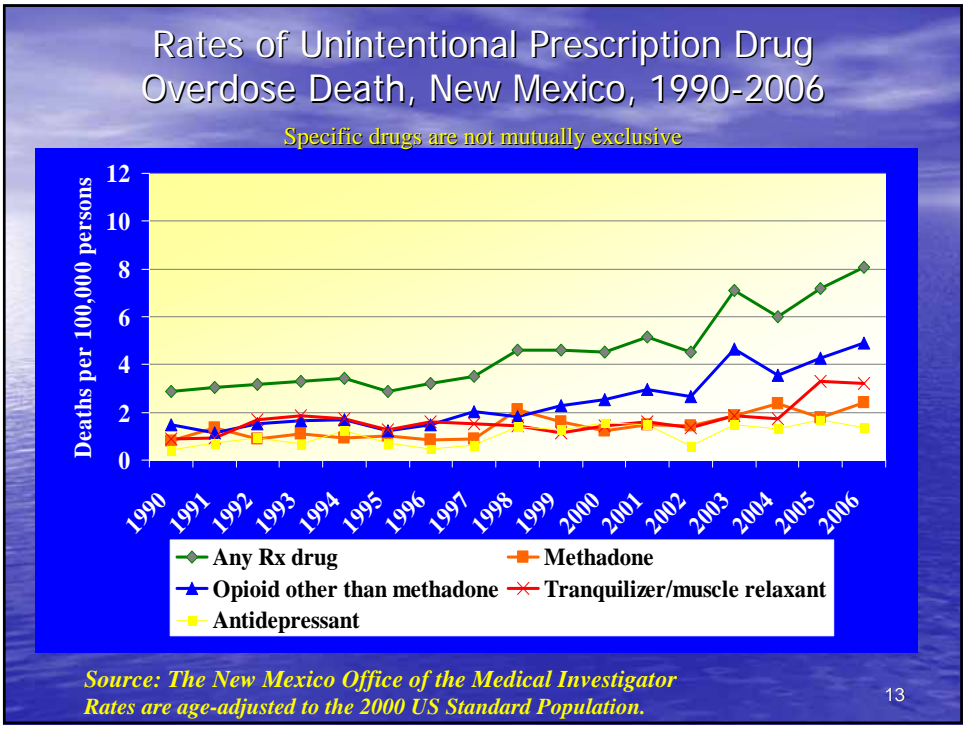


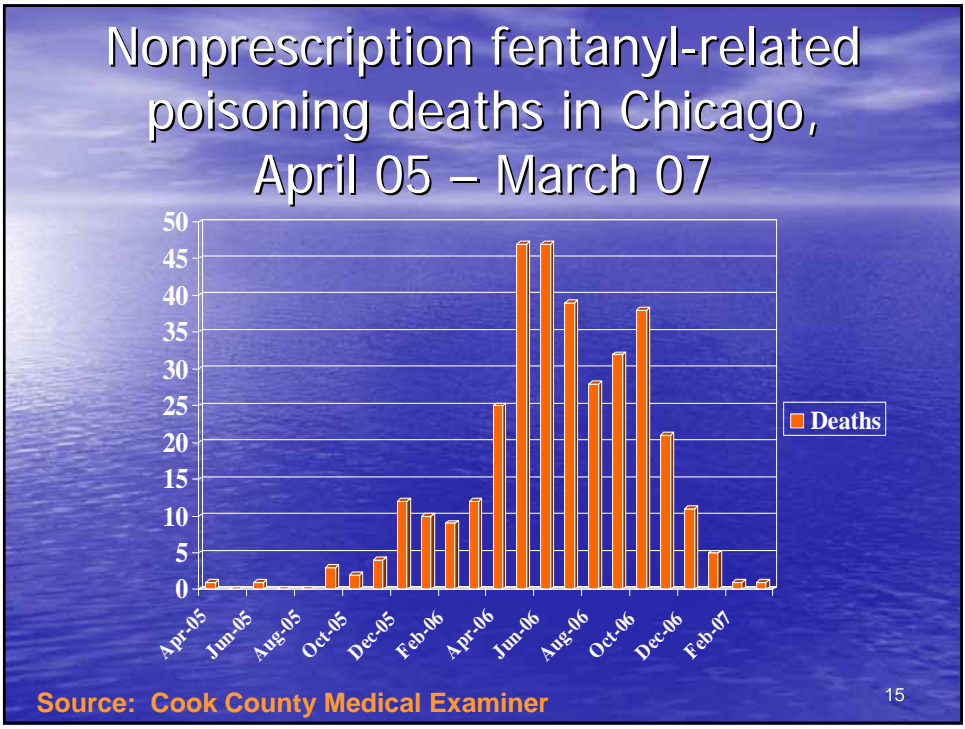
## CEWG Highlights June 2007

- Polysubstance Abuse Major Emerging Trend
- Fueled by Nonmedical Use of Rx Drugs
- Halt in Escalation of Methamphetamine
- Cocaine: Low Prevalence, High Consequences
- Heroin Indicators Down
- Replaced by Rx Opiates
- Marijuana: #1 Prevalence, #2 Consequences
- Ecstasy (MDMA) Rising after Decline Since 2001

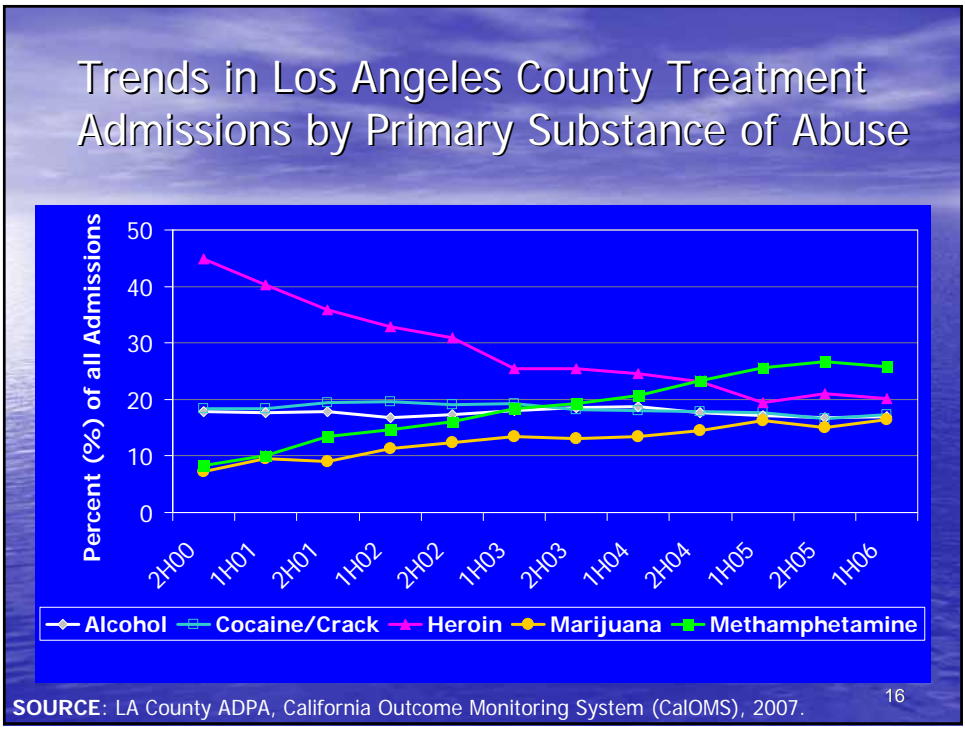








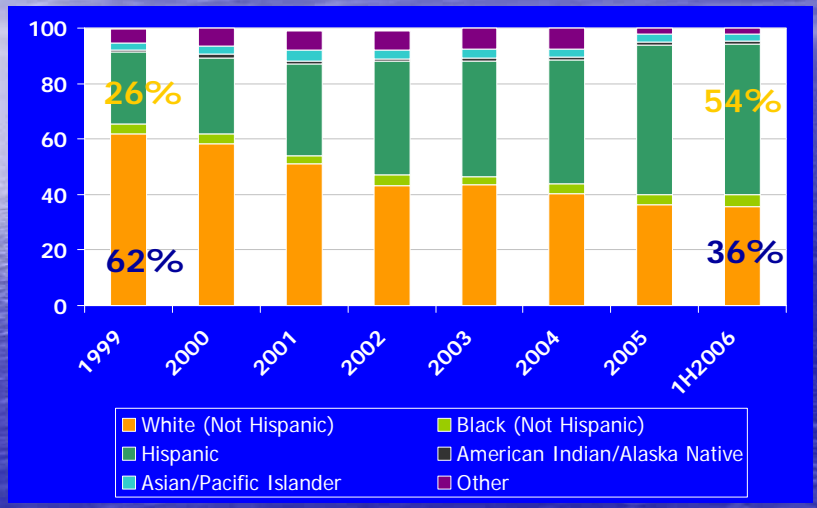
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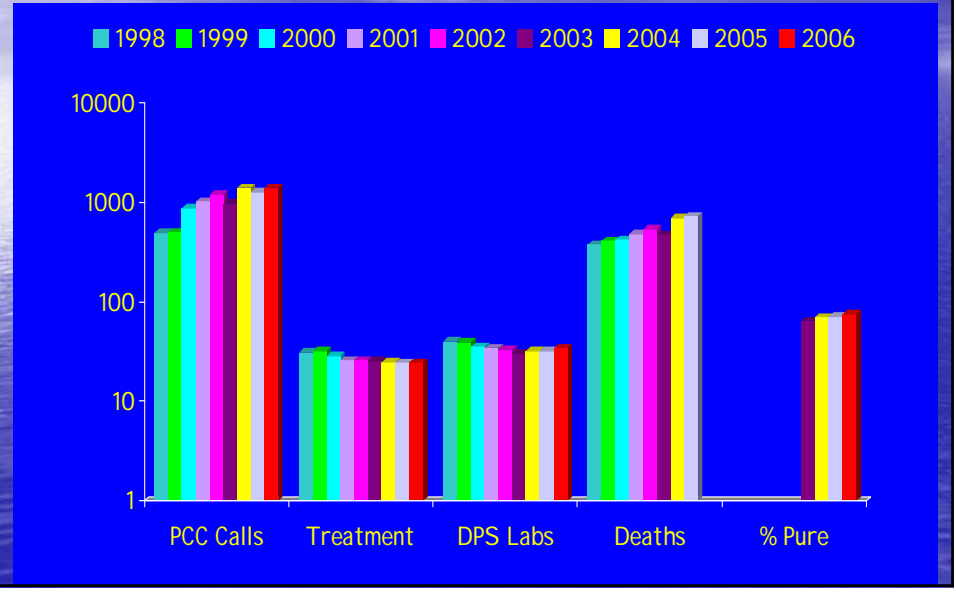
### Changes in Race/Ethnicity Among 1<sup>o</sup> Meth Tx Admissions: 1999-1H 2006



SOURCE: ADP, California Alcohol and Drug Data System, 1999-2006.

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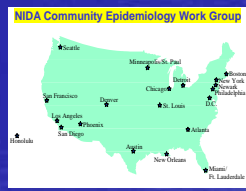
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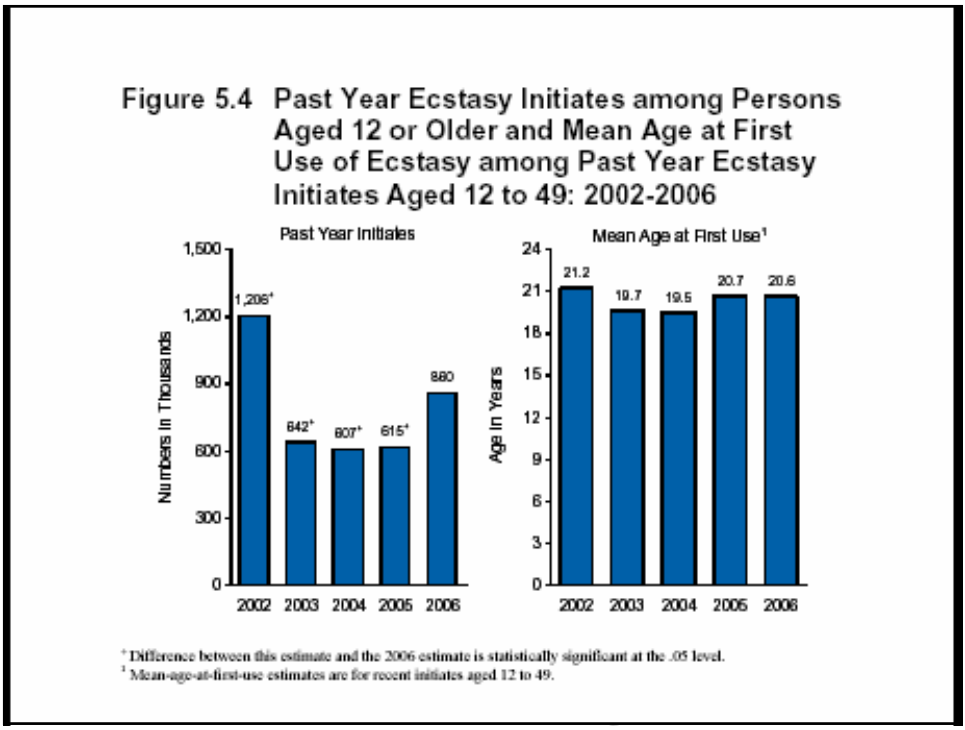
# MDMA Indicators

**"ecstasy" Rising 2006**

- Reversing dramatic decline since 2001
- **Florida Deaths Up 148 % from 27 in 2005 to 67 in 2006**
- Up in Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, Texas
- **Asian traffickers from Canada**
- More African-Americans & Hispanics
- **MDMA frequently adulterated with methamphetamine or other drugs**

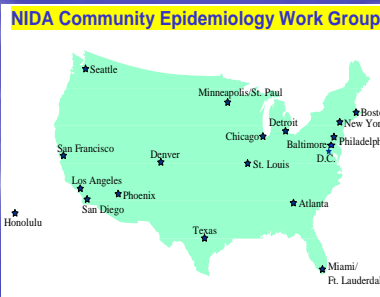



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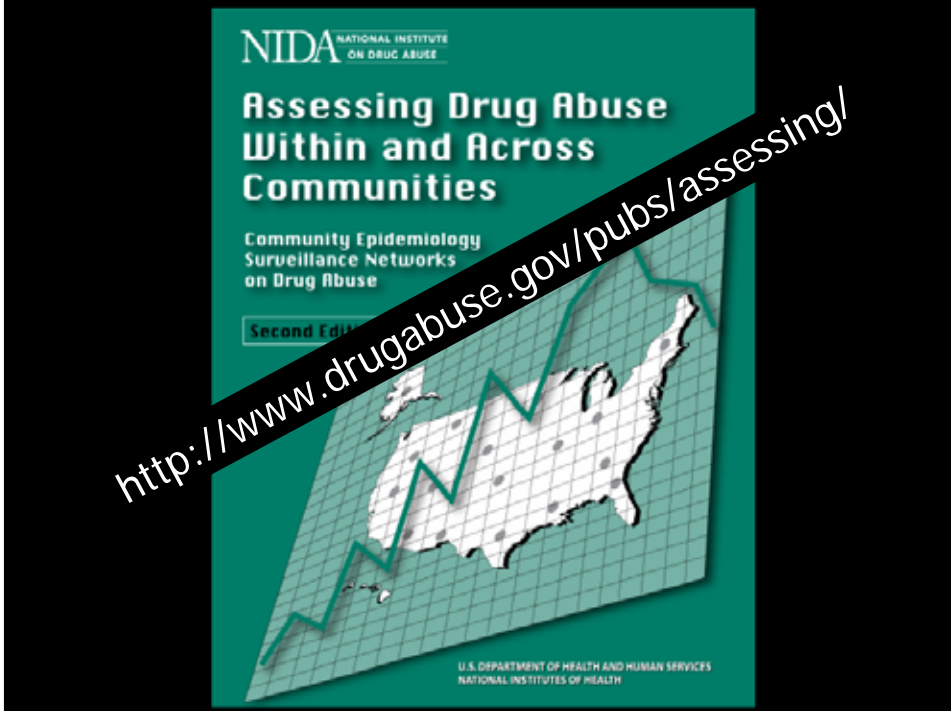


## CEWG First Alerts

- **MDMA – 1984**
- Crack Cocaine – 1985
- **Methamphetamine – 1988**
- Rohypnol – 1992
- **GHB -1994**
- Rise of Ecstasy (MDMA) – 1996
- **Fall of Ecstasy (MDMA) - 2001**
- Rx Drug Non-Medical Use – 2002
- **Return of Ecstasy (MDMA) - 2006**



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