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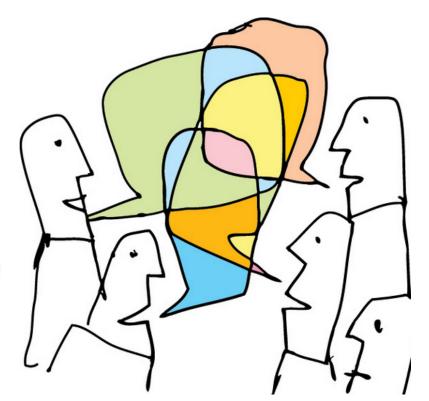


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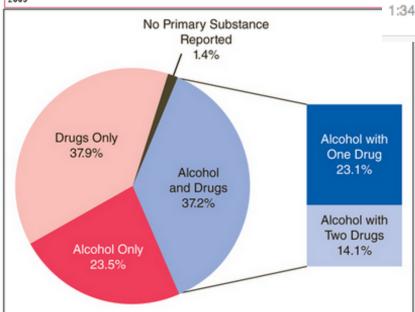






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Happy New Year! 2012 marks an important milestone for the behavioral health field. This year, SAMHSA turns 20!

To recognize the progress in prevention, treatment and recovery, SAMHSA wants to highlight the important milestones that have occurred in behavioral health over the past 20 years. SAMHSA is asking for your help! What do you think are some of the most noteworthy accomplishments and changes over the past several years? Your comments and suggestions will be used to help plan a celebration of behavioral health accomplishments over the next year.

Suggestions might include groundbreaking studies, promising practices, important legislation/court decisions, and/or other great strides made by our field.

This forum will close Monday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. EST.

For more information on SAMHSA's 20th Anniversary check out: http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/02/06/samhsaturns20

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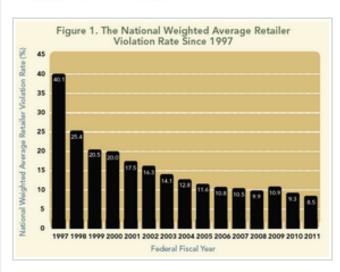
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Illegal Tobacco Sales to Youth on the Decline

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A new report released by SAMHSA today shows that the national weighted average rate of illegal tobacco sales to youth is 8.5 percent, the lowest rate reported since the inception of the Synar program. The Synar program requires States to enact and enforce laws restricting the sale of tobacco products to youth. The report also shows that the number of States reporting low rates of illegal tobacco sales to youth has increased. In FY 2011, 34 States achieved a retailer violation rate (RVR) below ten percent and 12 achieved a RVR below five percent.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of death and disease in the United States, with 443,000 deaths annually attributed to smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke (CDC, 2008). Nearly all tobacco use begins during youth and young adulthood. In fact, among adults who have ever smoked daily, 88 percent report that they first smoked by the age of 18, with 99 percent reporting that they first smoked by the age of 26. Furthermore, more than one-third of adults who have ever smoked report trying their first cigarette by the age of 14

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State/federal partnership continues to reduce illegal tobacco sales to minors to an all-time low

The number of states reporting low violation rates has increased

A new report on the Synar Amendment program – a federal and state partnership aimed at ending illegal tobacco sales to minors—shows that all the states and the District of Columbia have continued to meet their goals of curtailing sales of tobacco to underage youth (those under 18). The report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which sponsors the Synar program shows that the average national retailer violation rate of tobacco sales is down to 8.5 percent, the lowest level in the history of the program.

"As the recent Surgeon General's Report on Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults notes, smoking is the nation's leading cause of preventable death. We must pursue every opportunity to prevent kids and young adults of today from becoming life-long adult smokers of tomorrow," said SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde. "The success of the Synar program is a testament to how preventing underage youth from gaining illegal access to tobacco products can have a tremendous impact."

The Synar Amendment (introduced by the late Representative Mike Synar of Oklahoma and enacted as Section 1926 of the federal Public Health Service Act) requires states and U.S. jurisdictions to have laws and enforcement

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