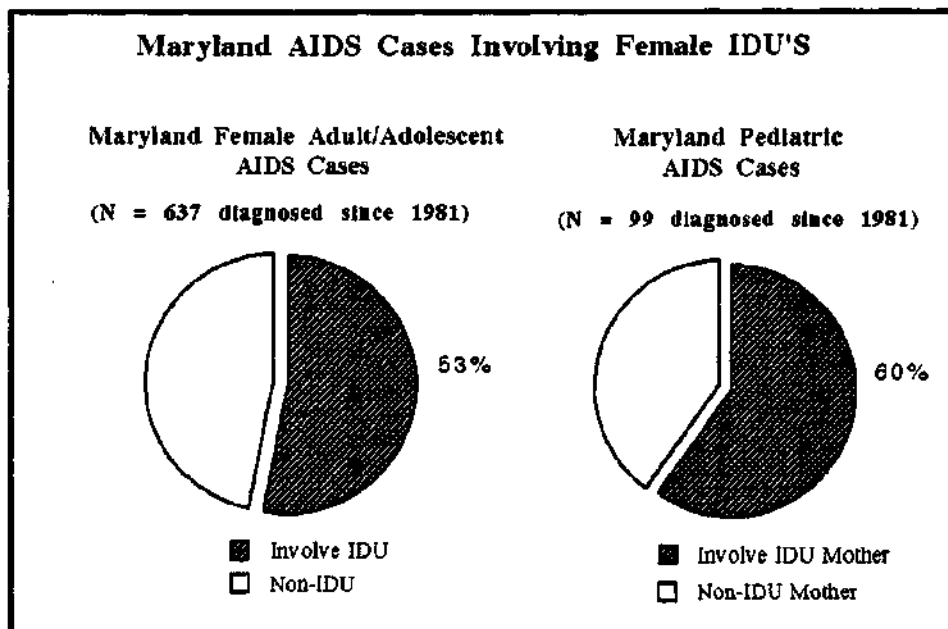


**A Weekly FAX From the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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## *Majority of Female and Pediatric AIDS Cases in Maryland Involve an Injecting Drug User*

Females comprise 16% of the 4,328 AIDS cases diagnosed in Maryland since 1981. These females tend to be injecting drug users (IDU's) at risk of transmitting HIV to other needle users, their sexual partners, and to their babies *in utero* (or during passage through the birth canal). 53% of the female adult/adolescent AIDS cases involve IDU's and 60% of all pediatric AIDS cases were born to an IDU mother. Female IDU's, many of whom repeatedly show up in urban arrestee booking facilities, should be the subject of intensive outreach, prevention, and treatment efforts.



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from the Maryland AIDS Update, February 1992, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH).

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