Drug Early Warning System

Working Together to Identify Emerging Drug Trends in Maryland

Join the DEWS Team and Help Maryland Identify Emerging Drug Problems

The Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, chaired by Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, has asked CESAR to establish a real-time system to detect new drug use trends in Maryland. The goal of the Maryland Drug Early Warning System (DEWS) is to provide state, county, and local policymakers, prevention and treatment practitioners, and community activists with ongoing, timely information about drug use patterns so that they can develop coordinated responses to meet local needs. Findings will be highlighted in future issues of this monthly DEWS Fax.

We need your help in obtaining local-level knowledge of drug use patterns, including information about new drugs and how they are being used, changes in drug marketing, and changes in the price or purity of the drugs being sold.

If You Have Information on . . .

✓ Current drug use behaviors in your neighborhood or county

✓ New drugs being used

Or Have Noticed Changes In . . .

✓ Use or users

✓ Price or purity

Then DEWS Needs Your Confidential Input!

✓ Sign up for the Drug Scan project and participate in confidential semiannual telephone interviews conducted by CESAR staff

✓ Share information at your convenience (anonymously, if you wish) through the DEWS toll-free hotline or e-mail address

Contact the DEWS Coordinator, Erin Artigiani, to Become Part of the DEWS Team!

- **DEWS Hotline:** 877-234-DEWS (toll-free in MD)

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