



## MOAR

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### Together: We Can Build Recovery and Prevention Informed Communities Some Stats and Facts to Use, as We Develop Strategy

#### 2007 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey Demonstrates a Decrease in Alcohol Use

- **Caution: MA Youth Alcohol and Other Drug Use Remains a Significant Health Issue**
- 13 years old is the reported 2007 first use of alcohol vs age 12 in 2004
- 43.6 % of MA high school students reported alcohol use in 2007, versus 54.7 % in 2004
- 23 % middle school students reported having had tried alcohol in 2007 vs 51% in 2004
- 66% high school students reported having had tried alcohol in 2007 vs 84% in 2004

#### 2005/2006 National Substance Use Drug Health (NSDUH) Survey Massachusetts Ranks\*

- 12<sup>th</sup> highest rate for past month alcohol use for ages 12 and older
- 13<sup>th</sup> highest rate for past month binge drinking for ages 12 and older
- 12<sup>th</sup> highest rate for past month binge drinking use for ages 12-17 and older
- 10<sup>th</sup> highest rate for past month binge drinking use for ages 18-25 and older
- 14<sup>th</sup> highest rate for past month binge drinking use for ages 26 and older

#### Note: NSDUH 2005/2006 Reports, Massachusetts Ranks

- 14<sup>th</sup> highest rate for ages 12-17 that cannot get treatment for illicit drug use
- 12<sup>th</sup> highest rate for ages 12 and older that cannot get treatment for illicit drug use

#### According to MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Department of Public Health

- FY 2007, 2,090 of admissions to substance abuse treatment services in Massachusetts were under 18 years of age
- Average age of admissions was 16.6 years.
- Mean age of first use for alcohol was 13.7 years, with 76.2% of respondents reporting age of first use between 12-15 years.
- 54.5% (1,138) reported marijuana as primary substance of use.
- 26.7% (557) reported alcohol as primary substance of use.
- 7% (146) reported heroin as primary substance of use.

#### Primary Substance of Use Reported from MA BSAS for ages 18 and older

FY 2007, the 103,881 adult admissions reported alcohol and heroin most often as the primary drug for which they were seeking treatment.

Percentage of primary substance used as reported

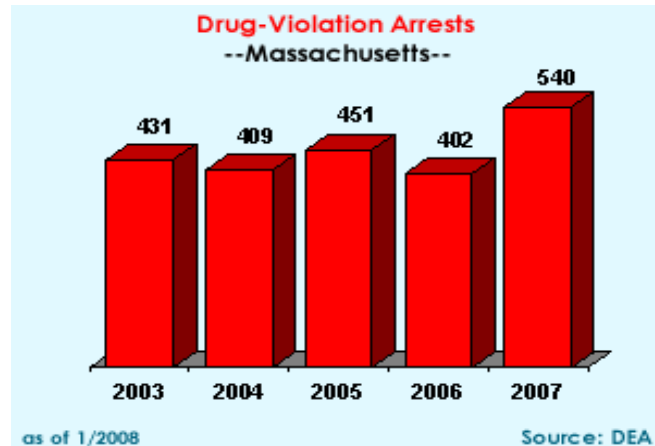
- 41.5% (43,140) alcohol
- 36.4% (37,843) heroin
- 8.7% (9,072) cocaine or crack
- 5.3% (5,519) marijuana
- 8.1% (8,414) other drugs

#### According to The MA Executive Office of Administration and Finance (2005)

- 80% incarcerated report having substance use disorders
- 34% residents who are seeking addiction treatment cannot get access.  
A Result: Increasing admissions in hospitals and emergency rooms.

### According to United States Drug Enforcement Administration 2008 Report

- In Massachusetts, heroin is readily available from gram to kilogram quantities throughout the state.
- Oxycodone including OxyContin products continues to be diverted in the state.
- Traffickers continue to divert OxyContin® via express mail shipments into the greater Boston area. Along with well organized doctor shopping rings, forged and/or altered prescriptions and diversion from individuals' prescriptions are the most commonly found diversion methods in the state.



### According to, MA Dept of Public Health 2008

- Drug overdoses, are the leading cause of injury death in Massachusetts, surpassing the number of motor vehicle injury deaths.
- The crude rate for poisoning deaths in MA increased 119% from 1990 (5.7 per 100,000) to 2005 (12.5 per 100,000).
- The proportion of the total poison deaths which were associated with an opioid increased from 28% in 1990 to 67.8% in 2005.
- From 1999 to 2005, the crude rate for opioid-related fatal overdoses increased 63.5%.
- 645 people died from opioid overdoses in 2007, up from 637 in 2006, and 544 in 2005.
- NARCAN, an opioid overdose prevention medication, saved 170 lives this past year.

### What MOAR?

- 1 out of every 3 children in the US is likely to be effected by addiction in the family. (ICC Family Foundation)
- 50% of all adults in the US are likely to have addiction in the family. (ICC Family Foundation)

### Why be MOAR Positive?

MOAR, community coalitions, parent support groups, and The MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services youth continuum redesign are some of the collective efforts to make healthy changes for youth, the adults of tomorrow. Positive change happens when people collaborate for the greater good. We can reduce youth and older adult use of alcohol and other drugs. MOAR is participating to make your needs heard. Please get involved. We need your voice of and for recovery— The Voice of/for Recovery is Valuable!

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