State and Community Drug Policies and Their Relationships to Youth Drug Attitudes and Use Patterns

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Purpose of the Initiative:

- To evaluate the impact of:
  - Policies
  - Programs
  - Practices

- Addressing various types of substances:
  - Alcohol Use
  - Illicit Drug Use
  - Tobacco Use

- At various levels:
  - State
  - Community
  - School
  - Individual
ImpacTeen Illicit Drug Team

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Overview of the Presentations

- The first presentation by Jamie Chriqui examines the major policies our society has used to prevent illicit drug use: drug scheduling and penalties, including trends from 1999-2001.

- The second presentation by Rosalie Liccardo Pacula will address the policy of medical marijuana and its relationship to youth perceptions and behavior.

- Yvonne Terry-McElrath and Duane McBride will present data on the relationship between prosecutor-reported adjudication of first-time juvenile marijuana offenders and youth perception and behavior.

- The final presentation by Yvonne Terry-McElrath moves to the examination of substance use treatment access via schools and its relationship to indicators of student need for treatment.
Future Direction of Research

- State quality indicators – licensing and certification
- Community health agency and school treatment policy/availability – trends and correlates
- State marijuana diversion policy and treatment admissions
- Examining community drug policy (treatment vs. deterrence) and youth perceptions
- Community social capital and youth substance use