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Objectives

To build on existing information about the effectiveness of policies, environmental influences, and other factors in reducing youth substance use and abuse.

To develop three databases -- one each for alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs -- for the 50 United States and District of Columbia.
For the three state databases to contain information about:

- Factors associated with youth substance use -- such as policies; environmental, social and institutional influences; and market mechanisms, and
- Measures of use, harms associated with use, and other related outcomes.
Objectives (continued)

• To make the state-level data publicly available for researchers, policymakers, advocates, and others interested in substance control policy, through published reports and the World Wide Web.

• To eventually turn the state-level databases over to relevant federal agencies for maintenance, updates, and expansion.
To develop comparable, in-depth community-level information for about 1,000 communities in four years:

- 900 communities from Monitoring the Future
- 100 Rapid Response communities
To catalogue and critically review existing databases.

To enhance and strengthen ANR’s local tobacco-related ordinance database by proactively tracking and retaining historical data on local ordinances.
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• Enhance the ongoing Monitoring the Future (MTF) study, the nation’s leading survey of youth substance use and abuse.

• Survey a new sample of schools, selected as ‘experimental’ condition schools, using schools from MTF to provide control or comparison data.
• Survey school administrators (confidentially) about school policies, programs, and practices related to youth alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

• Add new measures to ongoing MTF to track youth perceptions of school, community, state, and national policies, programs, and practices related to substance use and abuse.
Bridging the Gap Objectives

• Examine effects of policies, programs and practices at the state, community-, or school-levels as they relate to substance use.

• Merge youth, administrator, community-, and state-level databases.
Conduct analyses of how policies, environmental influences, and other individual, school, community, and state-level factors effect youth substance use and abuse.
Community Data Collections

Battelle (led by Jaana Myllyluoma and Pam Clark) is conducting the following types of data collections:

- On-site observational data collection in stores and communities
- On-site retrieval of local ordinances and regulations
- Telephone interviews with store managers and clerks
- Telephone interviews with key community informants (e.g. police and health departments)
- Archival information
Products

- Working papers, peer-reviewed journal articles, monographs, conference presentations, annual reports and meetings, and associated press coverage, will be available throughout the project on our Web site.

- State alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug databases, and community data summary reports, will be publicly available on the Internet during and upon completion of the project.
Rapid Response Field Experiments

- Evaluation of the Botvin Life Skills Training curriculum as it becomes more widely disseminated

- Evaluation of comprehensive state programs to reduce tobacco use that will coming out of the November 1998 multi-state settlement agreement
Recent grant proposal submissions have included the following:

- TTURC Application
- NCI Media (Melanie Wakefield)
- NCI retail outlet (Pam Clark)
- NCI policy adoption/implementation (John Gardiner)
- CDC Special Interest Project (UIC)
- SAPRP proposal to revisit communities (Dianne Barker)
- American Legacy Foundation (UIC, Roswell Park, others)