



Sacramento Police Department

Youth Advisory Committee

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Narcotics and Vice

- **Youth Drug Trends**
- **Sergeant Charles Husted (916) 752 3498**
 - National statistics on drugs do not show different from youth drug trends
 - In a 2007 survey (ages 12-17):
 - 9.5% participate in illicit drug use
 - 9.8% participate in tobacco use
 - 15.9% participate in alcohol use
 - 25% report it is “easy” to obtain cocaine
 - 49% report it is “very-easy” to obtain marijuana
 - In 2008 the National Institute on Drug Abuse surveyed 12th graders:
 - 32% have/participate in marijuana use
 - 15% have/participate in prescription drug use
 - Overall tobacco use is going down.
 - Some common drugs are:
 - Marijuana/Tobacco
 - Alcohol
 - Cough Medicine
 - Ecstasy (X, Smackers, MDMA, has a similar effect to methamphetamine, and is a mixed drug)
 - Valium



- Glue
- Aerosols
- Codeine
- Amphetamine (Ice)
- Oxycontin/Oxycodone
- Heroin
- Xanax (Prescription drug for depression)
- Paints
- Nail Polish Remover
- PCP
- Meth (Speed, crank, crystal)
- Overall, kids do not realize the long term effects these drugs will have on them.
- If they don't see an outward sign, they think everything is ok.
- Robo-Tripping (originated from Robitussin, the cough medicine)
 - Produces senses of euphoria
 - Effects: dry mouth, blurred vision, seizures and even death!
- Kids get "in touch" with each other from all over the world with:
 - MySpace
 - Media
 - YouTube
 - Video Games
 - Music Videos
 - Clothing
- Paraphernalia:
 - Cigar Wrappers



- Plastic Baggies
- Visine (some kids even put their narcotics in the little container)
- Pacifiers (common at Raves)
- Pipes
- Aluminum Foil
- Glass Tubing
- Scales
- Mini Torches
- Kids get “sneaky” and hide some of their drugs in:
 - Highlighters
 - Energy Drinks
 - Modified bottles used as containers
 - Water Bottles
 - Altoids
- Common indicators parents should check for:
 - Drug clothing (ie. “dope” boy instead of the Pillsbury Dough Boy)
 - Cell phones (read text messages)
 - Euphoria
 - Insomnia
 - Vomitting
 - Slow/Fast breathing
 - Neglected Hygiene
 - Hostile/Moody
 - Change in friends
 - Check internet websites they go on



- Drowsiness
- Rapid/Slow pulse
- Anxiety/Paranoia
- Slow Thinking
- Unexplained weight loss
- Deceptive
- Constricted/Dilated pupils
- Hallucinations
- Verbally Abusive
- Less motivated
- Truancy (grades)
- Positive Findings!
 - From 2007-2008, the percentage of 10th graders reporting lifetime, past-year, and past-month use of any illicit drug other than marijuana declined significantly.
- Areas of concern:
 - Marijuana use across 10th graders, 8th graders, and 12th graders has shown a consistent decline since the mid-1990s, but it appears to have leveled off.
 - In 2008, 15.4 percent of 12th graders report using a prescription drug nonmedically within the past year.
 - Vicodin continues to be abused at unacceptably high levels
- **Sexual Exploitation of Minors**
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 - Vice: prostitution



- Prostitution is growing
- The youngest prostitute in Sacramento, California is 11 years old.
- Task Force Approach:
 - The Task Force formed in August, 2006
 - Sacramento FBI
 - Sacramento Police Dep. Vice Unit
 - MISSION: Recover juveniles who are being sexually exploited through prostitution and build cases to prosecute those responsible for the exploitation
- Most girls have horrible family lives and prostituting becomes a lifestyle to them
- They rarely grow up with any morals/love/care
- Some girls have a mentality “if they give me a home, then it’s ok”
- (Most) girls get beat up by their “Pimp” if they don’t come home with the required quota
- Girls get really mistreated and get brainwashed by their pimps
- Most of their hook-ups are with nasty old men
- They have little or no self-esteem
- They go into the “business” looking for love and affection (sometimes survival)
- Pimps manipulate the girls:
 - They make them feel loved
 - Make them compete with other girls
 - Make girls get their pimps “logo” tattooed on their skin
 - “Pay” the girls with drugs (merchandise, getting their nails done)
- 80% have been sexually and/or physically abused in their home
- They present a history of running away a lot
- Most are throw-aways (when parent’s don’t care for the child)
- How big is the problem?



- Top 15 cities for “Erotic Services” on craigslist.com (no order):
 - Atlanta
 - Boston
 - O.C.
 - Washington
 - Chicago
 - Dallas
 - Phoenix
 - San Francisco
 - Las Vegas
 - Los Angeles
 - Miami
 - Sacramento
 - New York
 - Seattle
- Sometimes pimps threaten the girls to not talk to the police
- When the pimp goes to jail, the girl will usually go to another pimp
- Girls rarely stop prostituting
- Currently, there are only 4 “houses” prostitutes can go to for help
- When they finally stop, they realize they were the victims the whole time
- *Pimpn’* isn’t cool!

