Drugs and Youth Fact Sheet



Facts and figures on drug use trends among youths.

Although drug use among young people declined in some categories during the 1997 school year, recent drug rates continue their upward climb. According to the 1997-98 PRIDE survey, drug use among adolescents has more than doubled since the beginning of the decade.
These short-term and long-term trends are both critical to gaining a clear picture of the extent of youth involvement in illicit drug use today.

It is also important to examine the statistics in light of the large number of…