



Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

Primary Mission:

**TO LEAD NATIONAL EFFORTS
TO REDUCE ILLICIT DRUG USE
AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.**



ONDCP

- **Created by the Anti Drug Abuse Act of 1988, as amended**
- **Develops, coordinates and oversees implementation of National Drug Control Strategy**
- **Develops Federal National Drug Control Budgets**
- **Recommends improvements in management and organization of drug control efforts**
- **Conducts evaluations and performance measurement to improve program effectiveness**



CURRENT EXTENT/USE OF STEROIDS & PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES

Findings from Monitoring the Future Survey reveal:

- Rates for steroid use in 2000-2001 are generally stable. 2.8% of 8th graders, 3.5% of 10th graders, and 3.7% of 12th graders reported using steroids at least once in their lives.**
- 44.4% of 12th, 33% of 10th, and 23% of 8th grade students reported that steroids are "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain**
- Of 19-22 year olds surveyed in 2000, 18.9% reported having a friend who was a current user of steroids.**
- In 2001 perceived risk of steroids is up among those surveyed.**



POLICY CONSIDERATIONS FOR STEROIDS & PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES

Public Health Considerations:

- Use of steroids poses a health risk for youth.
- Use of steroids poses a behavioral risk for youth.

“Take a pill; change the way you perform--Take a pill, change the way you feel.”

Public Safety Considerations:

- Steroids are controlled substances. Procurement and sales of steroids entail contact with criminal element.
- Negative behavior is self-reinforcing.



ONDCP ACTIVITIES ON STEROIDS & PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES

- **ONDCP lead interagency process to develop a comprehensive federal policy to address the problem of drugs in sports, released in October 1999.**
- **ONDCP's role as founding member and Chair of Education and Ethics Committee demonstrates our commitment to anti-doping efforts of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).**
- **ONDCP is a strong supporter of the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and implementation of reliable testing, adjudication and educational efforts.**
- **ONDCP's CTAC provides technical support to & participates in developing USADA's and WADA's research agenda.**



ONDCP's INTERAGENCY DEMAND REDUCTION WORKING GROUPS

- **Created to facilitate communication among relevant federal agencies**
- **Purpose of Working Group subcommittees is to share information on research and activities in public and private sectors.**
- **Process consists of several levels: Agency Heads — Agency Work Group Representatives—Subcommittee members**
- **Subcommittee is currently looking at issue of supplements.**

