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
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.
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.