



## Millions of Youth Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol

*More than four million youth engaged in drunk or drugged driving.*

([PRWEB](#)) January 4, 2005 -- When the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) issued its 2004 Monitoring the Future Study, it showed that overall drug use was down among teenagers. This week SAMHSA announced that more than 4 million young people between the ages of 16-20 drove under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the past year.

The data was extracted from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and the number accounts for 21 percent of U.S. youth in that age group. When broken down, the statistics indicate that 14 percent of youth drove under the influence of illicit drugs, and only four percent of the overall number reported being arrested for the potentially deadly activity. Regionally, the highest percentage of this behavior occurred in the Midwest.

In a release issued by SAMHSA, Administrator Charles Curie exclaimed, "Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among young persons 16-20." He also indicated that the Administration is working to create and support more prevention programs in local communities to dramatically reduce this behavior and create a positive impact on these kids' lives as well as the lives of others around them.

Surveys conducted by the Narconon® Drug Rehabilitation and Education Program of several hundred thousand students across the country show that it is the type of information and the manner in which it's presented that determines the best results.

Many prevention programs in schools dryly talk about consequences of drug use, use scare tactics such as mock alcohol related fatality skits, or show samples of drugs that only peak students' interest in learning more about them. While these approaches may work for some, the majority of students don't feel that they are very real to them.

Narconon Arrowhead's prevention program, led by Director of Drug Education J.T. Daily, uses effective two-way communication with a lot of energy and interest between the presenter and the students. Combined with information that isn't normally taught and the fact that many of the presenters are former drug addicts that have been able to successfully get their lives back, students are able to get the toughest questions answered in a way that satisfies their curiosity without having to try drugs for themselves.

J.T. and other Narconon® Prevention Specialists around the world follow simple presentation styles and have fun. Again, it's the type of information talked about and the manner in which it is delivered that really counts. According to Daily, "I wish I had this information when I was in school so I wouldn't have done some of the things I did growing up, like start taking drugs in the first place."

Narconon Arrowhead is the one of the largest and most successful private drug rehabilitation and education facilities in the United States and uses the proven effective drug-free technology developed by American author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard.

For more information about drugs and addiction, to get help for a loved one in need or to book an education presentation in your area call Narconon Arrowhead today at 1-800-468-6933 or log on to [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com).



To view the whole report on youth driving while intoxicated visit SAMHSA's Office of Applied Studies website at [www.oas.samhsa.gov](http://www.oas.samhsa.gov).

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