

and validation studies have been conducted on the RAATE-CE, QI, and SUDDS, and field trials are ongoing. CATOR inpatient and outpatient outcome data comparisons, as well as RAATE-CE, QI, and SUDDS data will be presented.

#### SYMPOSIUM

*Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area Drug Study (DC\*MADS): Initial Findings.*

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**THE WASHINGTON, DC, METROPOLITAN AREA DRUG STUDY: OVERVIEW AND CHALLENGES.** Elizabeth Y. Lambert. National Institute on Drug Abuse, Baltimore, MD.

Most major surveys about drug abuse, such as the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse and the High School Senior Survey, tend to exclude persons from nonhousehold and hard-to-reach populations (e.g., homeless persons, institutionalized persons, criminal offenders, pregnant women, and school dropouts). In contrast, the National Institute on Drug Abuse's DC\*MADS project is a first effort to systematically access all types of people in one metropolitan area and to characterize the nature and extent of drug abuse among them using an integrated, systematic approach.

DC\*MADS is a large-scale comprehensive research effort comprised of 16 related studies that focus on different population subgroups (e.g., homeless and institutionalized people) or different aspects of the drug abuse problem (e.g., economic and psychosocial costs of drug abuse). Together, these studies are designed to a) examine and characterize the epidemiology of drug abuse and its correlates and consequences among the variety of population subgroups residing in the metropolitan area, and b) develop a research model for systematic collection of similar data from hard-to-reach populations in other urban centers of the country.

This presentation will provide an overview of DC\*MADS and examine some of the major challenges the researchers have encountered. The overview will specify the studies included in DC\*MADS, note the relationships among them, describe the data collection methods, and give a status report on the project. Some of the major challenges encountered include: persuading the local communities to "buy in" to the research, conducting successful negotiations with gatekeepers, addressing quid pro quo issues, meeting confidentiality requirements, and ensuring interviewer security.

Some of these challenges are typically encountered in field studies, but all were heightened by the nature of the populations studied and the large number of jurisdictions in the metropolitan area.

**DRUG USE AND RELATED PROBLEMS AMONG HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS.** Robert M. Bray\* and Mary Ellen Marsden.† \*Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, NC, and †Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

The burden that drug abuse poses for communities across the nation is also notable in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area and requires reliable data to guide policy decisions and resource allocation. This presentation will report DC\*

MADS findings about the use of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and related problems among members of the household population aged 12 and older.

Data were drawn from interviews with a representative sample of 1,931 persons in the DC metropolitan area. The metropolitan area was oversampled as part of the 1990 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The drugs or classes of drugs examined included marijuana, cocaine (including crack), inhalants, hallucinogens, heroin, nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutic drugs (stimulants, sedatives, tranquilizers, and analgesics), alcohol, cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco.

Prevalence of drug use will be examined for three time periods: lifetime, past year, and past month. Rates of use will be presented overall and by the demographic correlates of age, sex, race/ethnicity, location within the DC metropolitan area, and socioeconomic status. Data will be related to residents' perceptions of the harmfulness of drug use and opportunities to use drugs. Problems attributed to drug use and alcohol use will also be presented, along with symptoms of dependence. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of the implications of the findings for other analyses and drug prevention policies.

#### DRUG USE AMONG RESIDENTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

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Much is known about substance use and abuse by persons living in households. The National Household Survey on Drug Abuse provides an excellent data series on rates of use of licit and illicit drugs in the noninstitutionalized, household population of the United States. Less, however, is known about substance abuse by people residing for weeks, months, or years in the care and custody of institutions—in prisons, jails, psychiatric facilities, homes for the handicapped and disabled, homes for abused or delinquent children, or psychiatric or correctional halfway houses. This presentation will report on the results of the National Institute on Drug Abuse's DC\*MADS project in a probability sample of institutional residents in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

Data were gathered through in-person interviews with 1,250 residents of institutions and group homes located in and around the District of Columbia. The interviews were conducted in 46 institutions and group homes selected with probabilities proportional to size from a list of all institutions and group homes in the DC metropolitan area. Information was collected on current and past use of licit and illicit drugs (tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, crack and other cocaine, opiates, amphetamines including "ice," depressants, inhalants, and psychotherapeutics) using a monthly calendar covering the previous 3-year period. The interview was structured around a life-calendar approach recording changes in residential, employment, and marital statuses; criminal involvements; treatment experiences; and other life events. Additional questions were asked regarding physical and psychological health, risk behaviors, context of drug use, and characteristics of the institutions. The data allow a rich, detailed portrait of drug use etiology and consequences.

The presentation has three aims. First, the institutionalized population of the metropolitan area will be described in terms of the characteristics of institutions and of residents. Second, rates of current use of licit and illicit drugs will be presented,