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# State and Community Drug Policies and Their Relationships to Youth Drug Attitudes and Use Patterns

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# Purpose of the Initiative:

- To evaluate the impact of:
  - *Policies*
  - *Programs*
  - *Practices*
  
- Addressing various types of substances:
  - *Alcohol Use*
  - *Illicit Drug Use*
  - *Tobacco Use*
  
- At various levels:
  - *State*
  - *School*
  - *Community*
  - *Individual*




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# Overview of the Presentations

- The first presentation by Jamie Chriqui examines the major policies our society has used to prevent illicit drug use: drug scheduling and penalties, including trends from 1999-2001
  - The second presentation by Rosalie Liccardo Pacula will address the policy of medical marijuana and its relationship to youth perceptions and behavior
  - Yvonne Terry-McElrath and Duane McBride will present data on the relationship between prosecutor-reported adjudication of first-time juvenile marijuana offenders and youth perception and behavior
  - The final presentation by Yvonne Terry-McElrath moves to the examination of substance use treatment access via schools and its relationship to indicators of student need for treatment
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# Future Direction of Research

- State quality indicators – licensing and certification
- Community health agency and school treatment policy/availability – trends and correlates
- State marijuana diversion policy and treatment admissions
- Examining community drug policy (treatment vs. deterrence) and youth perceptions
- Community social capital and youth substance use