

**Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference**  
*Back Bigger Better*

What's On The Streets:  
From the Treatment Provider Perspective

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# What We Are Dealing With

32 County region

Population Base of 400,000 people

3 Residential Treatment Facilities

88 Beds

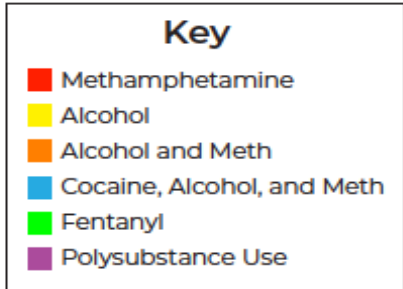
Only 36 for Women

2 Detox Facilities



# Drug “Personalities” of The Counties

- ▶ Stats came from what we have been seeing in our treatment program over the last 18 months
- ▶ What Usage Is Typical for Entire Region
- ▶ Specific Trends of Use Found in Certain Counties
- ▶ Significant Rates versus “One Offs”
  - ▶ Marijuana related calls over last 4 months
- ▶ Contributing Factors to These Unique Trends
  - ▶ Transportation/Delivery Access
  - ▶ Transient Population
  - ▶ Methadone Clinics in Nearby Communities
  - ▶ Prescription Practices of a Clinic or Physician



# What Trends Are We Seeing

- ▶ Fentanyl is significant but not the what we are seeing the most
  - ▶ Closer to more metropolitan areas
  - ▶ In conjunction with methamphetamine
    - ▶ New Version of the “speedball”
- ▶ Cocaine is working it’s way up...again
  - ▶ Has been mostly powder for the last 5 years
  - ▶ Increase in crack use reported over last 6 months
- ▶ Xylazine is here and there...for now...maybe?

# What Does This All Mean?

- ▶ The Why's
  - ▶ Where the focus has been
  - ▶ When focus is on one or two substances; opportunity for another to sneak up
  - ▶ Fascination with what is new
- ▶ What to be prepared for
  - ▶ Implications on presentation in assessment
  - ▶ Psychotropic medication changes
  - ▶ Treatment protocols able to change with trends?