Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference

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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 one 1-2 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?