

National Institute on Drug Abuse Community Epidemiology Work Group (CEWG)

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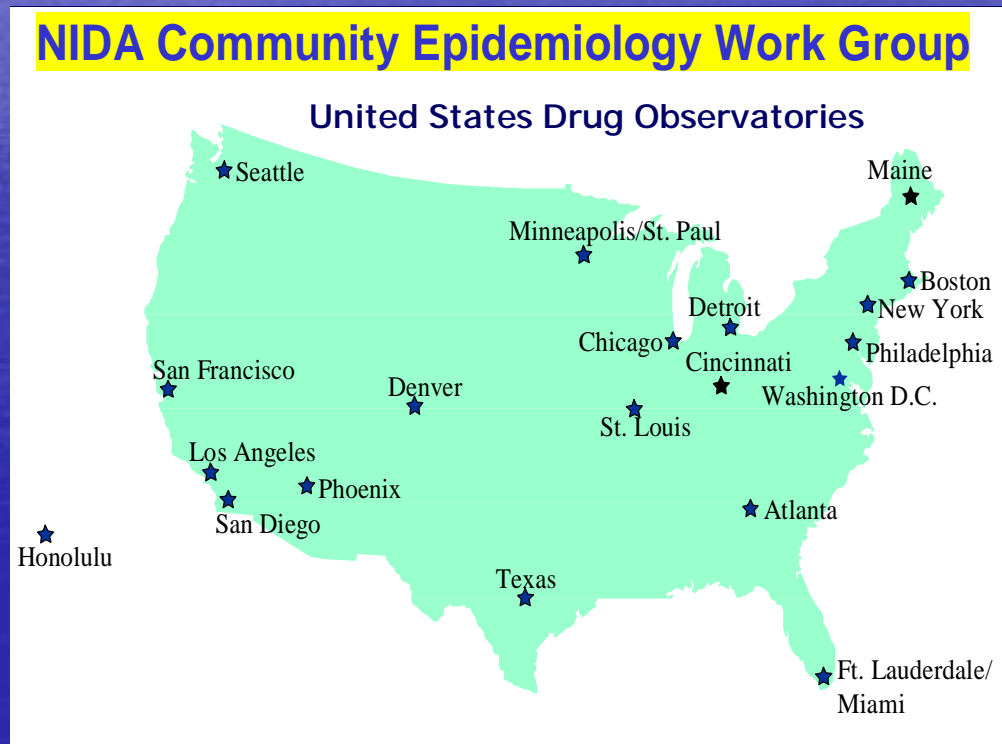
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Established **1976**
Community
Correspondents
Group
Heroin Focused



NIDA Community Epidemiology Work Group

United States Drug Observatories



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Mission:

Monitor Drug Abuse Trends by Tracking Existing Data Sources Within and Across 21 Local Areas in USA

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Goals:

- To Characterize Changes in Drug Use
- To Provide Early Identification of New Patterns and Emerging Drug Abuse issues



Why Community Data?

- Provide local perspective on issues and factors impacting data interpretation
- Reveal local variation in drug use, consequences, and markets sometimes masked in national level data

CEWG Meets Twice A Year

- June Meeting – 2 ½ Days
- January Meeting – 2 ½ Days
- Location Rotates among the Sentinel Cities

Each CEWG Member Prepares

- 15-20 Page Written Report in June
- 1 Page Update in January
- 20 Minute Presentation

CEWG Meeting Agenda

- 21 Community Presentations: 1½ days
 - Regional Discussions
 - Specific Drugs and Special Topics Discussion
- **Panel: Emerging issues from previous CEWG meeting**
- Panel: Community-Based Researchers
- **Update on Federal data sets**
- Patterns & trends in other countries



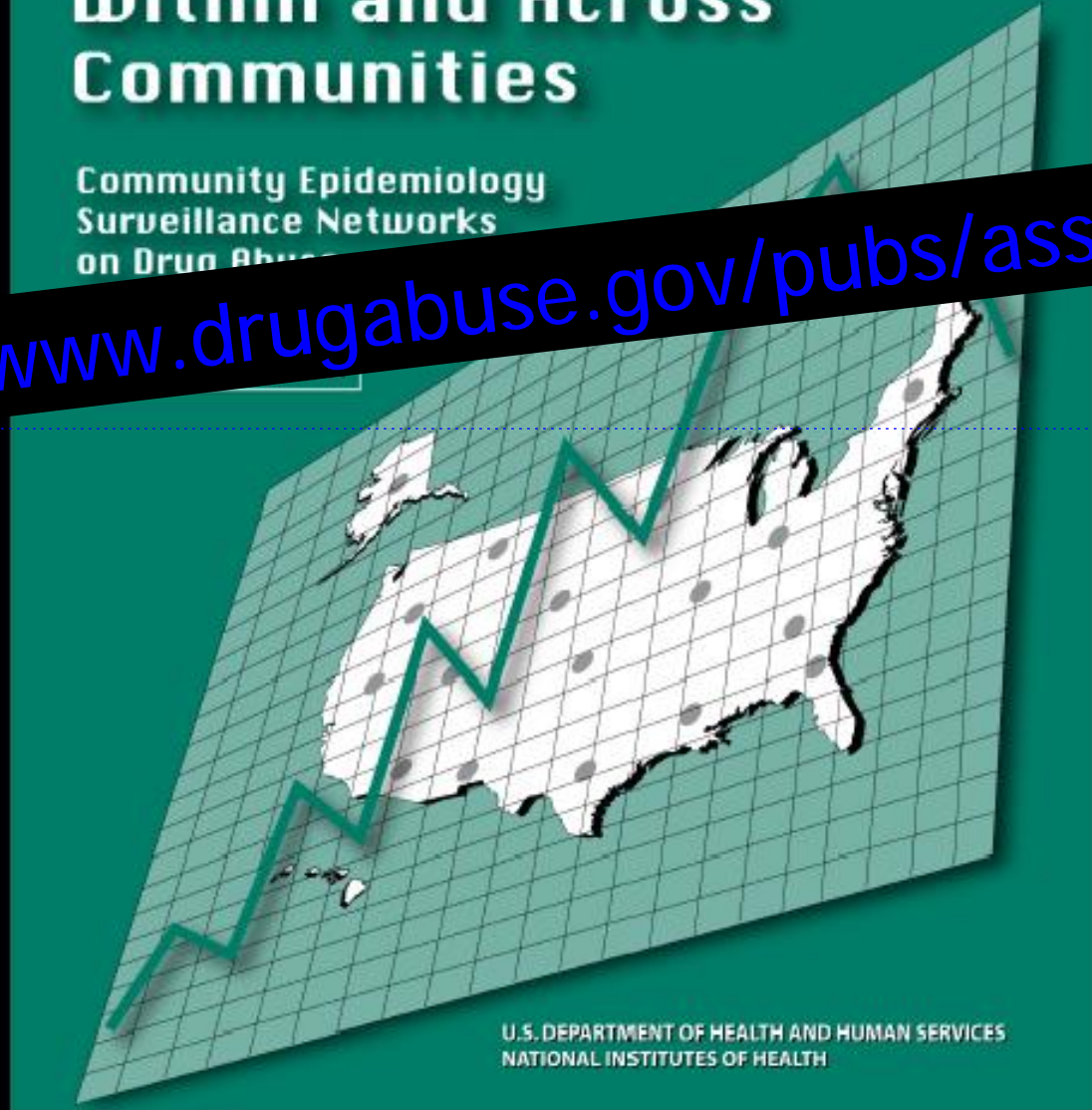
**USA Experiences in
Establishing Community-Based
Drug Epidemiology Networks
(DENs)**

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Assessing Drug Abuse Within and Across Communities

Community Epidemiology
Surveillance Networks
on Drug Abuse

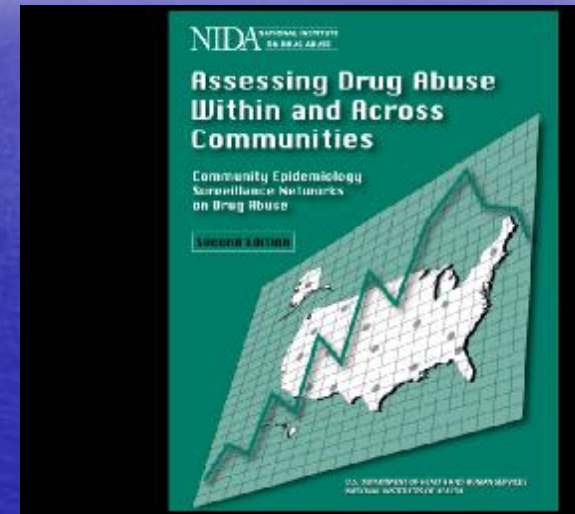
<http://www.drugabuse.gov/pubs/assessing/>



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Community Epidemiology Surveillance Networks DENs

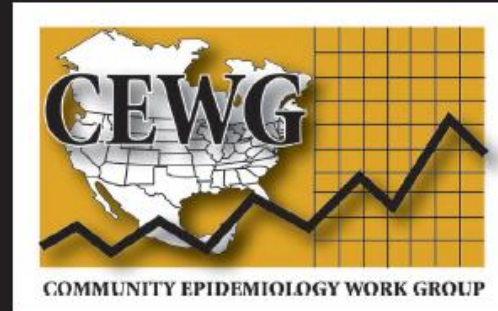
- What are DENs
- History
- Purpose
- Advantages
- Sources of Information
- How DENs are organized
- Guidelines for 1st Meeting
- Who to Invite
- Tips on setting up and maintaining DENs



NIDA CEWG Publications

Volume I
Highlights and
Executive Summary

Volume II
Community Reports



EPIDEMIOLOGIC TRENDS IN DRUG ABUSE

Proceedings

Online at

[http://www.drugabuse.gov/about/
organization/cewg/Reports.html](http://www.drugabuse.gov/about/organization/cewg/Reports.html)

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CEWG Area Reports Format

- Organized By Drug
 - Cocaine,
 - Heroin,
 - Rx Opiates,
 - Methamphetamine,
 - Marijuana,
 - MDMA,
 - Emerging Psychoactive Substances,
 - Benzodiazepines

CEWG Area Reports Format

- By Indicators (Consequences)
 - Deaths,
 - Hospital Reports,
 - Addiction Treatment Admissions,
 - Price and Purity,
 - Crime Lab Cases, and
- Prevalence Surveys
- Infectious Diseases

CEWEG First Alerts

- **MDMA – 1984**
- Crack Cocaine – 1985
- **Methamphetamine – 1988**
- Rohypnol – 1992
- **GHB -1994**
- Rise of Ecstasy (MDMA) – 1996
- **Fall of Ecstasy (MDMA) - 2001**
- Rx Drug Non-Medical Use – 2002
- **Return of Ecstasy (MDMA) – 2006**
- Contaminated Columbian Cocaine – 2009
- **New, Unregulated Synthetic Drugs – 2010**
- Return of Methamphetamine US West –2011
- **New Cohort of Younger Heroin Users-2012**

