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**FOREWORD**

The Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse is pleased to present this Twelfth Edition of the *Status Report on Missouri's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems*. This annual report provides data tables and charts to illustrate the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse in Missouri. Recently-released data compares rates of substance use, abuse, and dependence in Missouri and the United States for adolescents, young adults, and older adults. Significant trends are also highlighted and summarized.

The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse has contracts with substance abuse programs to provide publicly supported prevention and treatment services for thousands of Missourians each year. This report includes data quantifying and summarizing those services. Additional information regarding treatment and prevention services is available from the Division's district offices located in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Jefferson City, and the satellite offices in Springfield and Rolla. The addresses and phone numbers for those offices are shown on the map in the appendix.

Inquiries and comments pertaining to the Status Report should be directed to the Division's Research and Statistics unit. The 2002-2006 editions are accessible on the Division's website at:

<http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/rpts/status.htm>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Couty".

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