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Supporting Recovery in Education Settings

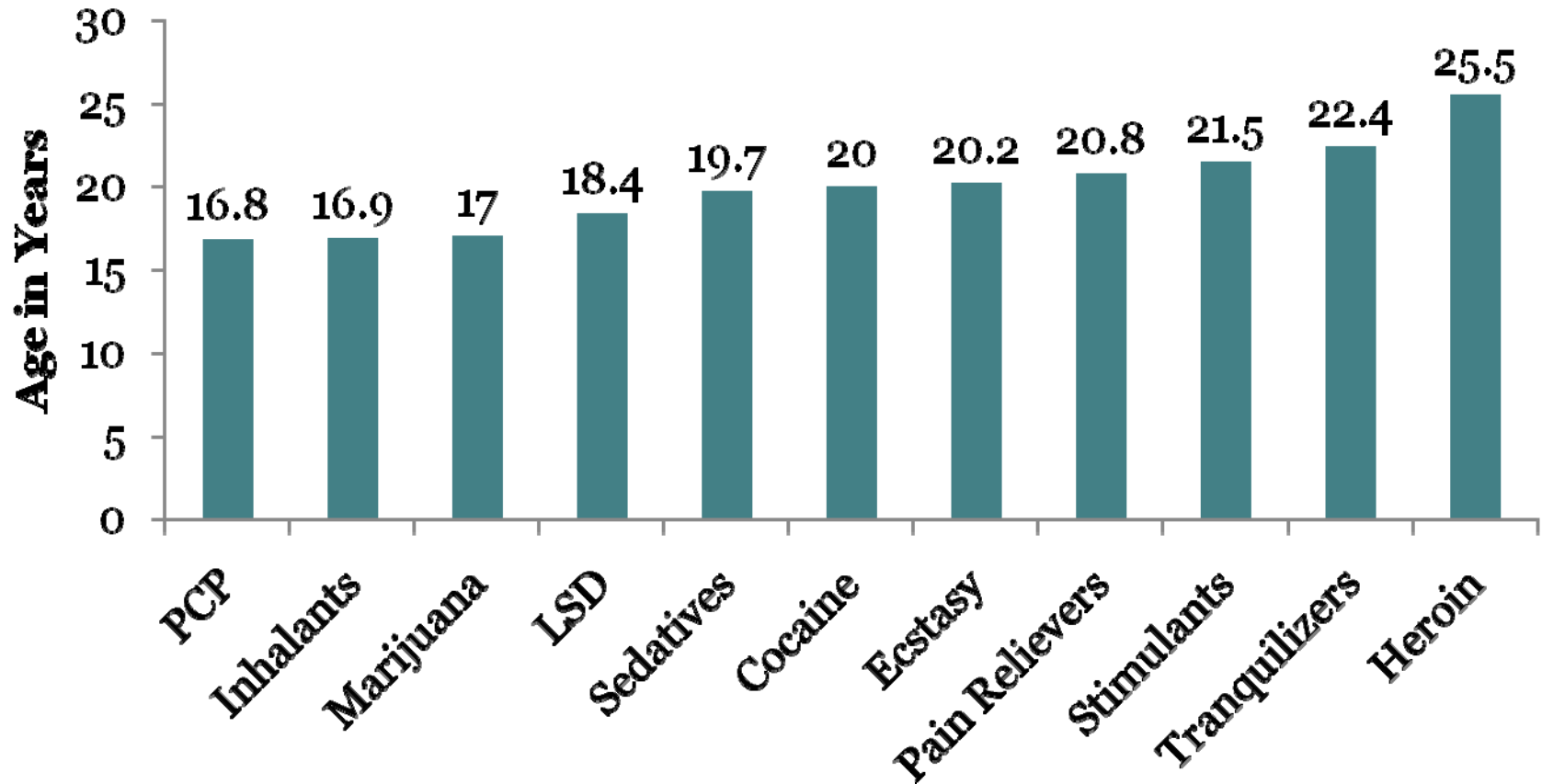
Reclaiming Futures Webinar

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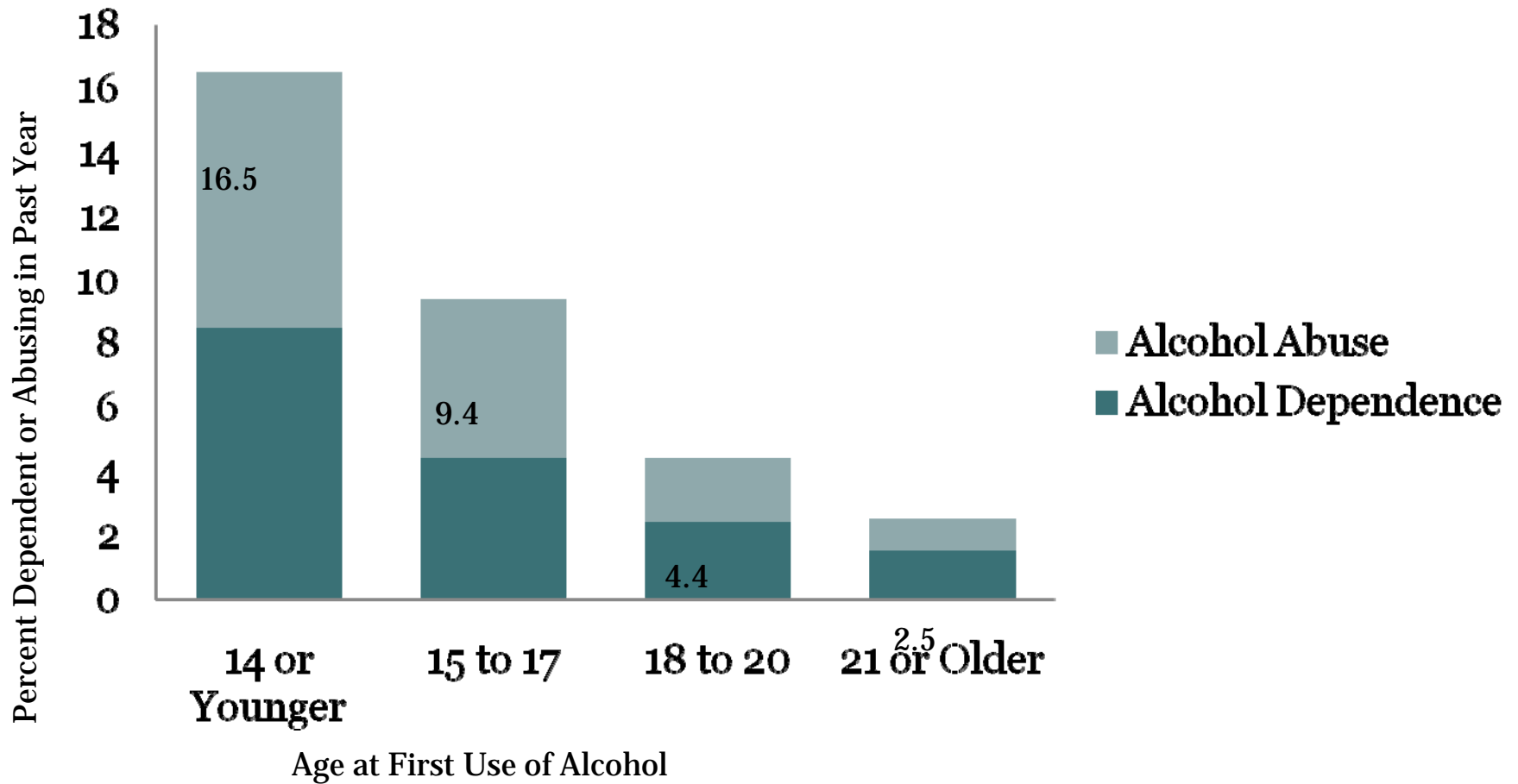
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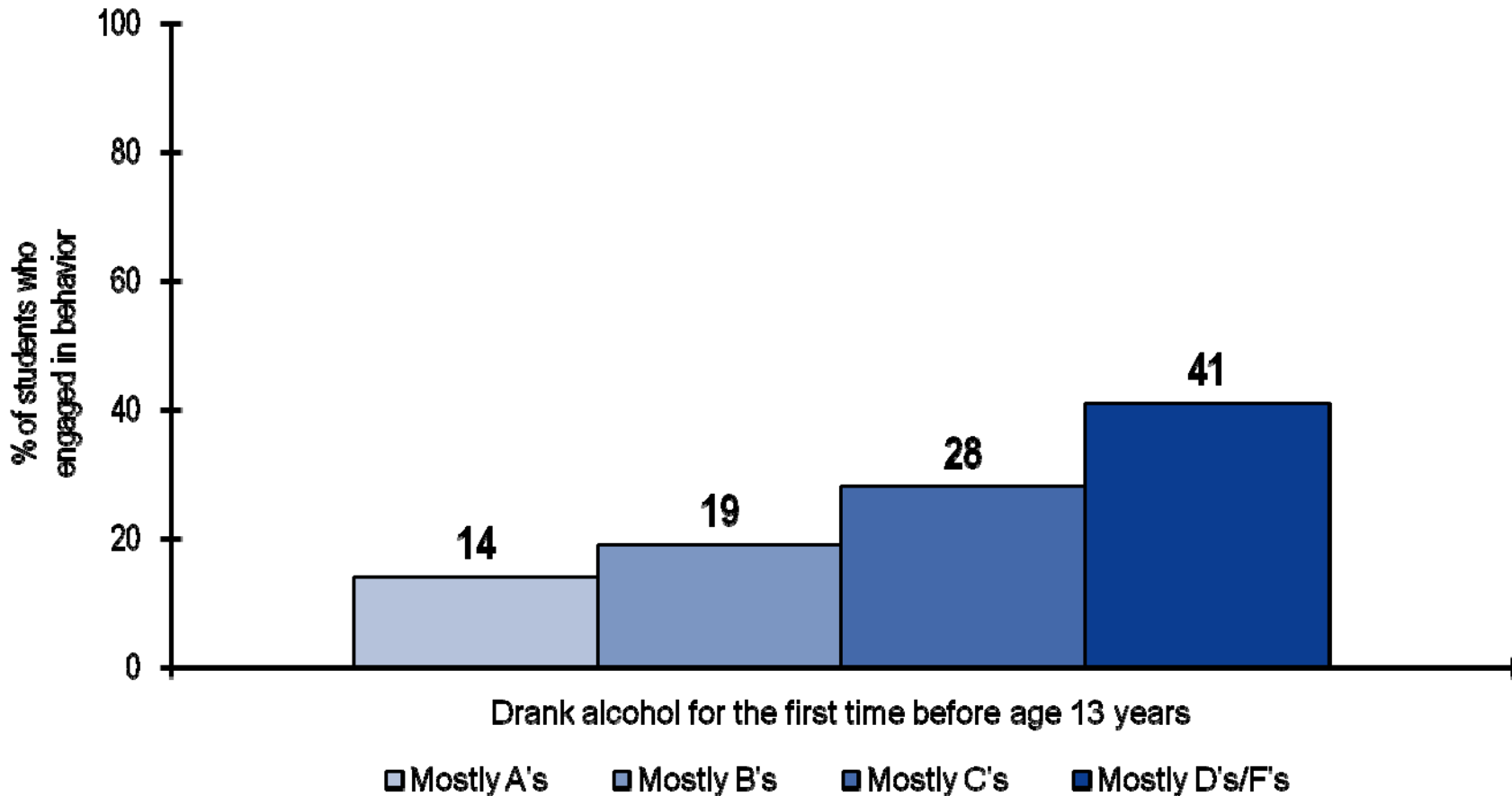
Use Begins at an Early Age



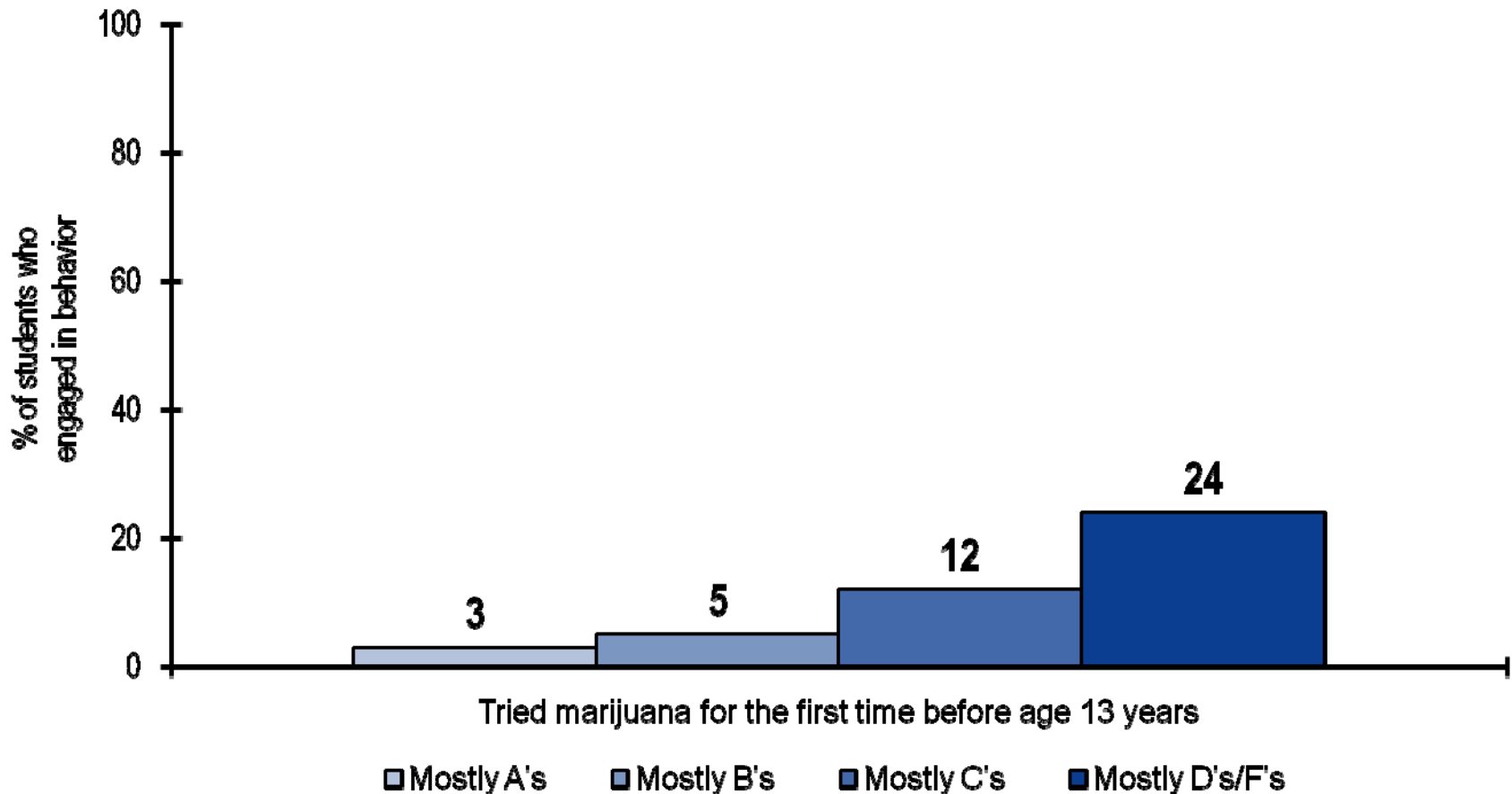
The Younger You Start, The Bigger Your Problem



Students Who Drank Alcohol for the First Time Before Age 13 Do More Poorly in School



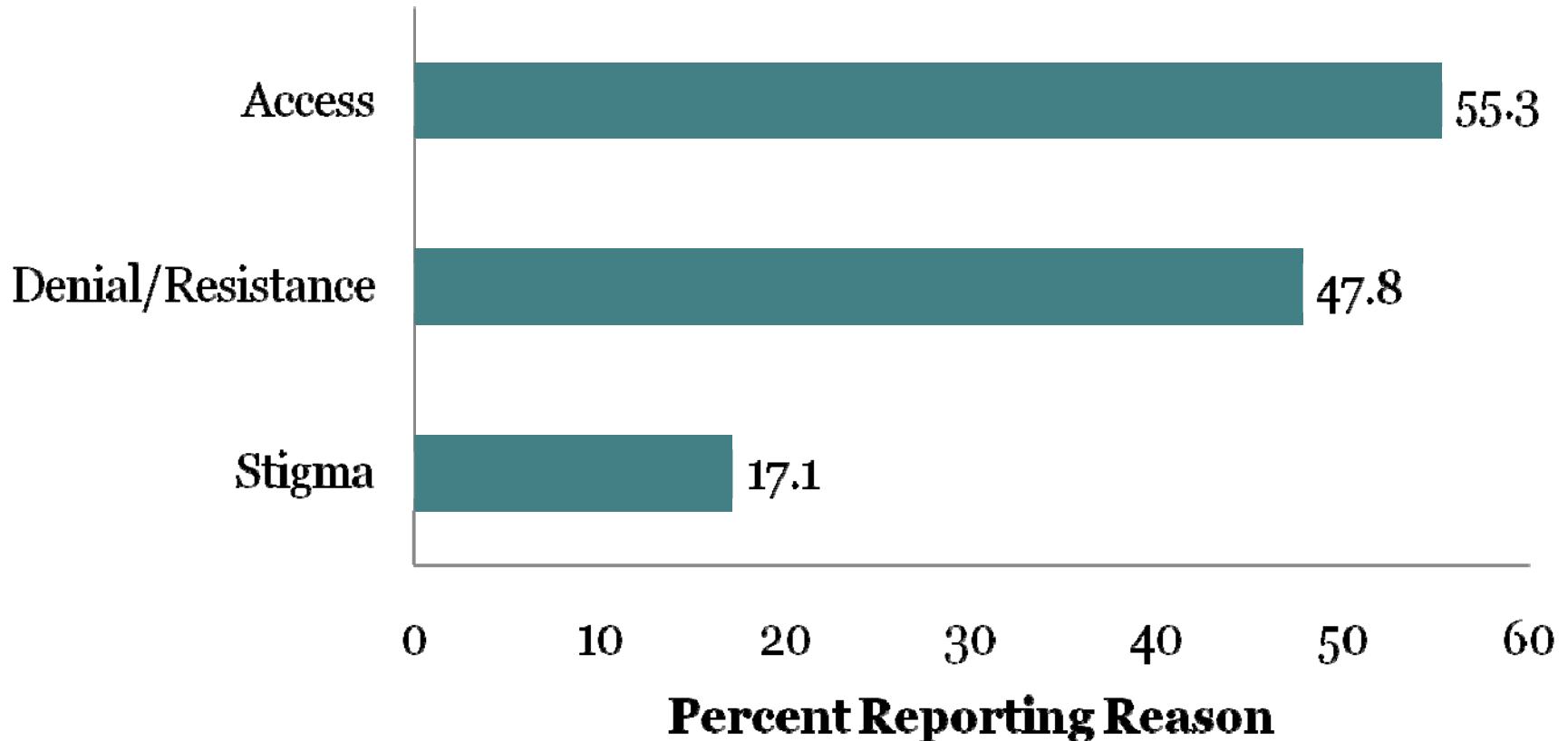
Students Who Tried Marijuana for the First Time Before Age 13 Do More Poorly in School



Why Adolescents Quit

You want to quit using at this time because...	Adolescents (Interpersonal Motivation Scale)
People you are close to will be upset if you don't quit	60.8%
Close ones will stop nagging you if you quit	53.9%
Don't want to embarrass your family	53.9%
Will get a lot of praise from people you are close to	51.5%
Someone close to you told you to quit or else	35.1%

Why People Do Not Get Substance Use Treatment



Access: No health coverage and could not Afford Cost (36.8); No transportation/Inconvenient (9.7); Had health coverage but did not cover treatment or did not cover cost (36.8)

Denial/Resistance: Not ready to stop using (30.5); Able to handle problem without treatment (10.2); Did not feel need for treatment at the time (7.1)

Stigma: Might have negative effect on job (8.6); Might cause neighbors/community to have negative opinion (8.5)

Rate of Relapse Extremely High

At 1-year following treatment, studies of inpatient teens suggest that 85-86% report some substance use.

Temptation to Relapse is Extremely High

One study found that virtually all adolescents returning to their old school reported being offered drugs on their first day back in school.

Ed's Plan

Fall 2010:

**Two all day expert panels on
recovery among secondary school
and college students**

Ed's Plan: Incentive Access

Recovery Priority in
“GRAA” (Grants to Reduce Alcohol
Abuse – secondary schools) and
“Healthy College Campuses”
(institutions of higher education)
program

Ed's Plan: Reduce Stigma

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Public Ed Campaign Targeting
Recovery Among Adolescents

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