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National Institute on Drug Abuse to Announce Results of 2011 Monitoring the Future Survey

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will hold a press conference on Wednesday, December 14, to announce the results of its 2011 Monitoring the Future survey. The survey, funded by NIDA—part of the National Institutes of Health—tracks annual drug abuse trends of 8th, 10th, and 12th-grade students, including attitudes and perceived risk of specific illicit drugs. It is one of three major polling instruments the Department of Health and Human Services uses to monitor the nation's substance abuse patterns. Information from these surveys helps identify potential drug problem areas, assess whether federal drug prevention efforts are effective, and ensure that resources are targeted to areas of greatest need. During the announcement of this year's MTF data, NIDA will also unveil its PEERx campaign to educate teens on the dangers of prescription drug abuse. For more information on the MTF survey, visit: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/drugpages/MTF.html>. To preview PEERx, visit: <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/peerx>.

WHAT: Release of the 2011 Monitoring the Future Survey results

WHEN: Wednesday, December 14, 2011
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: National Press Club
Holeman Lounge
529 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20045

To participate via audiocast, go to: www.visualwebcaster.com/MonitoringTheFuture

WHO: **Featured Speakers**

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