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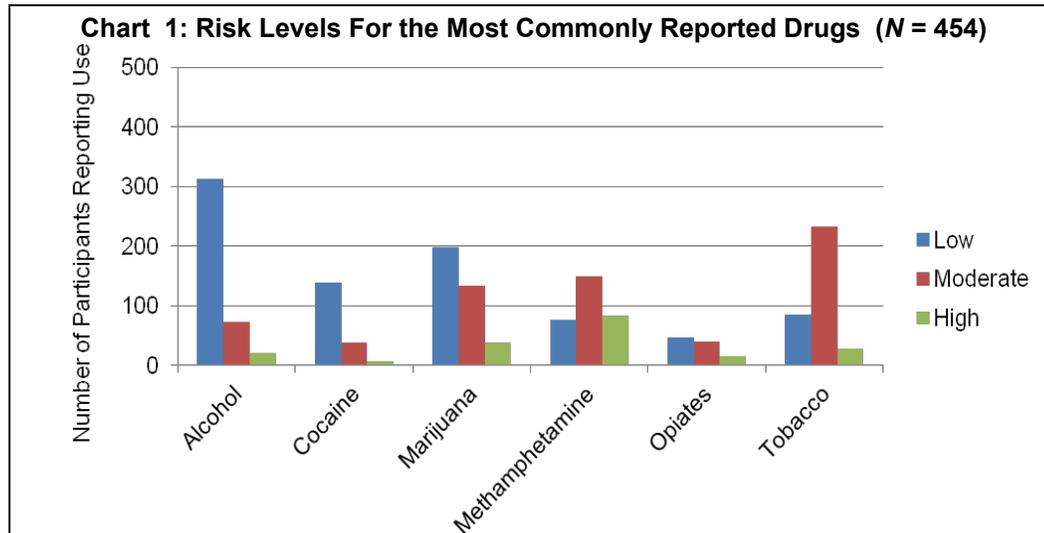
An update on the Los Angeles County Evaluation System,
An Outcome Reporting Program

In 2012, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) partnered with the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to develop a collaborative Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program. The Access to Substance Abuse Treatment for High Risk Parents and Caregivers (SA Access) project is intended to help improve the system by which at-risk families within a community are identified and connected to appropriate services. A Substance Abuse Navigator (SA Navigator) collaborates with Mental Health Systems Navigators stationed at corresponding DCFS offices and works with DCFS staff and DCFS funded program services to provide integrated health care and a seamless connection to substance use services. In addition, a two-part evaluation monitors the implementation of the intervention, assists in meeting its treatment objectives by providing recommendations for improving key program components, and measures observed changes in participants who receive substance abuse treatment in the following domains: (a) alcohol and drug use; (b) child and family services status; (e) mental health and physical health status; and (f) treatment services received. Below are selected participant demographics and preliminary data from the Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST) screening tool.

Table 1: SA Access Participant Demographics (N = 454)

Demographics	n (%)
Gender	
Female	320 (70.5%)
Male	134 (29.5%)
Average Age	
	28.9 years
Employment Status	
Part or Full-Time	96 (21.1%)
Unemployed	295 (65.0%)
Other	63 (13.9%)
Race/ Ethnicity	
Hispanic/Latino	277 (61.0%)
White	92 (20.3%)
Black/African-American	53 (11.7%)
Other	32 (7.0%)

Chart 1: Risk Levels For the Most Commonly Reported Drugs (N = 454)



As shown in Chart 1, most participants fall in the low-risk category for all drugs except methamphetamine and tobacco where the majority who reported use fall into the moderate-risk category.