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Closing Drug Houses: Full Stop
Are drugs a problem nationally?

- States with highest rate of illicit drug-use
Are drugs a problem nationally?
% 12-17 years of age reporting use in past month

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<th>DRUG</th>
<th>2002</th>
<th>2005</th>
<th>Change</th>
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<td>Any Drug</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
<td>15% cumulative</td>
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<td>Marijuana</td>
<td>8.2%</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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*University of Michigan- Monitoring the Future annual survey*
Record # of arrests for Adults
1.8 million possession cases in 2007
A noncriminal alternative to rid neighborhoods of drugs

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in the Fight Against Illegal Drugs
The Problem

- April 1997 Readers Digest ranks Sheboygan, Wisconsin as the best place in America to raise a family.
The Problem

- Lack of follow-up with complainants frustrated both the community and law enforcement

- Standard style of law enforcement tedious and very expensive
Neighbors Against Drugs

- Scanning
- Vulnerable Corridor
- Infamous History
Note: Most critical stage (Bynum, 1997 *Using Analysis for Problem Solving*)

**ANALYSIS**

Drug Diaries

Pretest Surveys
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING

You can make a difference without anyone knowing.
Assessment

- 5 years running
- "Victory" claimed in 24? neighborhoods with the elimination of 65? drug houses
- Pre to Posttest significant change scores
  - Perceptions of neighborhood safety; p<.001
  - Neighborhood disorder; p<.001
  - Suspected drugs houses; p<.001
Comparing pre and post samples

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<td>Do you feel your neighborhood is safe? ***</td>
<td>41</td>
<td></td>
<td>82</td>
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<td>Is there unfamiliar neighborhood disorder / activity? ***</td>
<td>51</td>
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<td>15</td>
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<td>(e.g., strangers lots of cars coming at all hours)</td>
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*** p < .001 (denotes highly significant change)
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<td>Do you suspect a drug house on your block? ***</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Are you more willing to call the police on suspected neighborhood problems since NAD intervened?</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>79</td>
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<td>Have you talked to your neighbors more since NAD intervened?</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>54</td>
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<td>Do you support NAD?</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td>Do you grant NAD the permission to post a sign in your front yard?</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>X</td>
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Post-test open ended responses

1) Less traffic, not as many loud car stereos
2) Cars are no longer getting broken into
3) First time in years I allow my children to play outside after dark
4) Glad to know NAD will be there to respond if I call
5) This is a much better place to live
6) We would have sold our house if it wasn’t for NAD
7) I feel safer
Shifting Responsibilities

• Montgomery County, Indiana

• Is it possible to be successful in POP without any police involvement?
Evaluating Citizen Response to Illicit Drug Sales (NAD, Inc.)

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