

**CASA\* 2006 TEEN SURVEY REVEALS: TEEN PARTIES AWASH IN ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA AND ILLEGAL DRUGS – EVEN WHEN PARENTS ARE PRESENT**

**14<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MARKS TURNING POINT IN TEEN SUBSTANCE ABUSE RISK**

One-third of teens and nearly half of 17-year olds attend house parties where parents are present and teens are drinking, smoking marijuana or using cocaine, Ecstasy or prescription drugs, according to the *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse XI: Teens and Parents*, an annual back-to-school survey conducted by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University.

CASA's survey also reveals that teens who say parents are not present at the parties they attend are 16 times likelier to say alcohol is available, 15 times likelier to say illegal and prescription drugs are available and 29 times likelier to say marijuana is available, compared to teens who say parents are always present at the parties they attend.

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