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**Secrets to Developing an Effective Sobriety Court  
Judge Brian T. Campbell  
Denver County Court**

## **PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS**

**Remarks by West Huddleston, NADCP Executive Director in 2014**

**2007, Texas was looking at allocating \$2 Billion to house prisoners in the future**

**Instead Texas allocated \$241 Million on problem-solving courts with the following results:**

**3 Adult prisons were closed**

**6 Juvenile detention centers were closed**

**There was a 39% decrease in parole violations**

**And overall crime was down to a level that had not been seen since the 1960s**

# LEADING CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH

**2008** – Traffic Accidents, 33,687 deaths (down from 54,589 in 1972). This has been the leading cause of accidental deaths, each and every year, since data was accumulated in the 1970's on all accidental deaths

**2009** – Drug Overdoses, 37,500 deaths. This figure was reported in *The Los Angeles Times* on September 17, 2011, by reporters Lisa Girion, Scott Glover and Doug Smith

## **LEADING CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH 2010**

**“According to preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control, 37,792 people died from overdoses and other drug-related causes in 2010. By comparison, 35,080 deaths were attributed to car accidents, 31,513 to guns and 25,440 to alcohol.”**

**<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/01/37792-died-from-drug-overdoses-in-2010-us-says.html>**

## **DO THE MATH**

**37,792 deaths in 2010 from drug overdoses**

**25,440 deaths in 2010 from alcohol**

**63,232 TOTAL DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS**

**10,277 automobile deaths in 2010 from DUI**

**73,599 TOTAL DEATHS**

**154 boating deaths in 2010 from alcohol**

**73,753 TOTAL DEATHS**

**Does not include the tens of thousands killed in assaults where drugs are involved.**

*Drug harms in the UK: a multicriteria  
decision analysis*

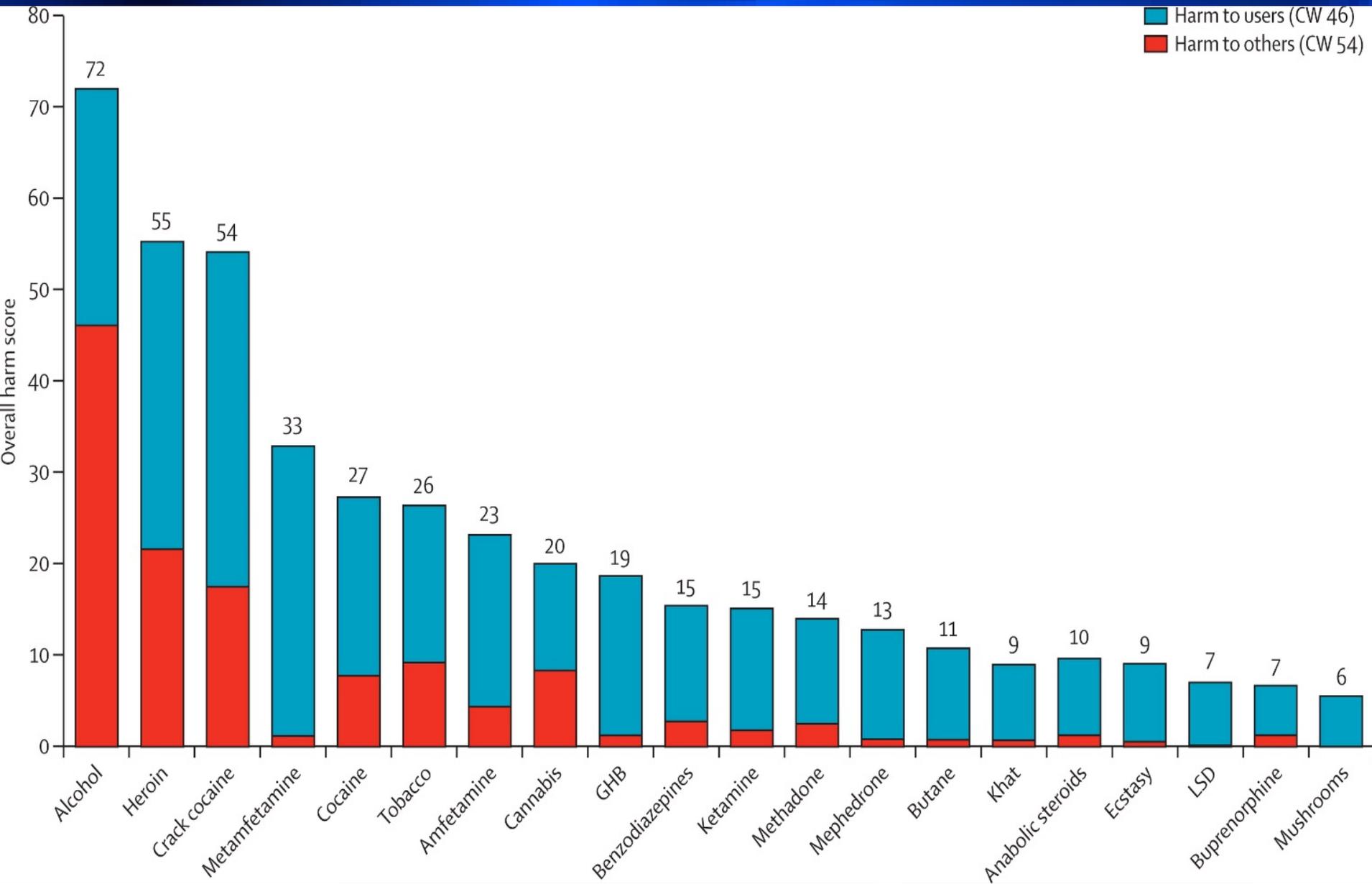
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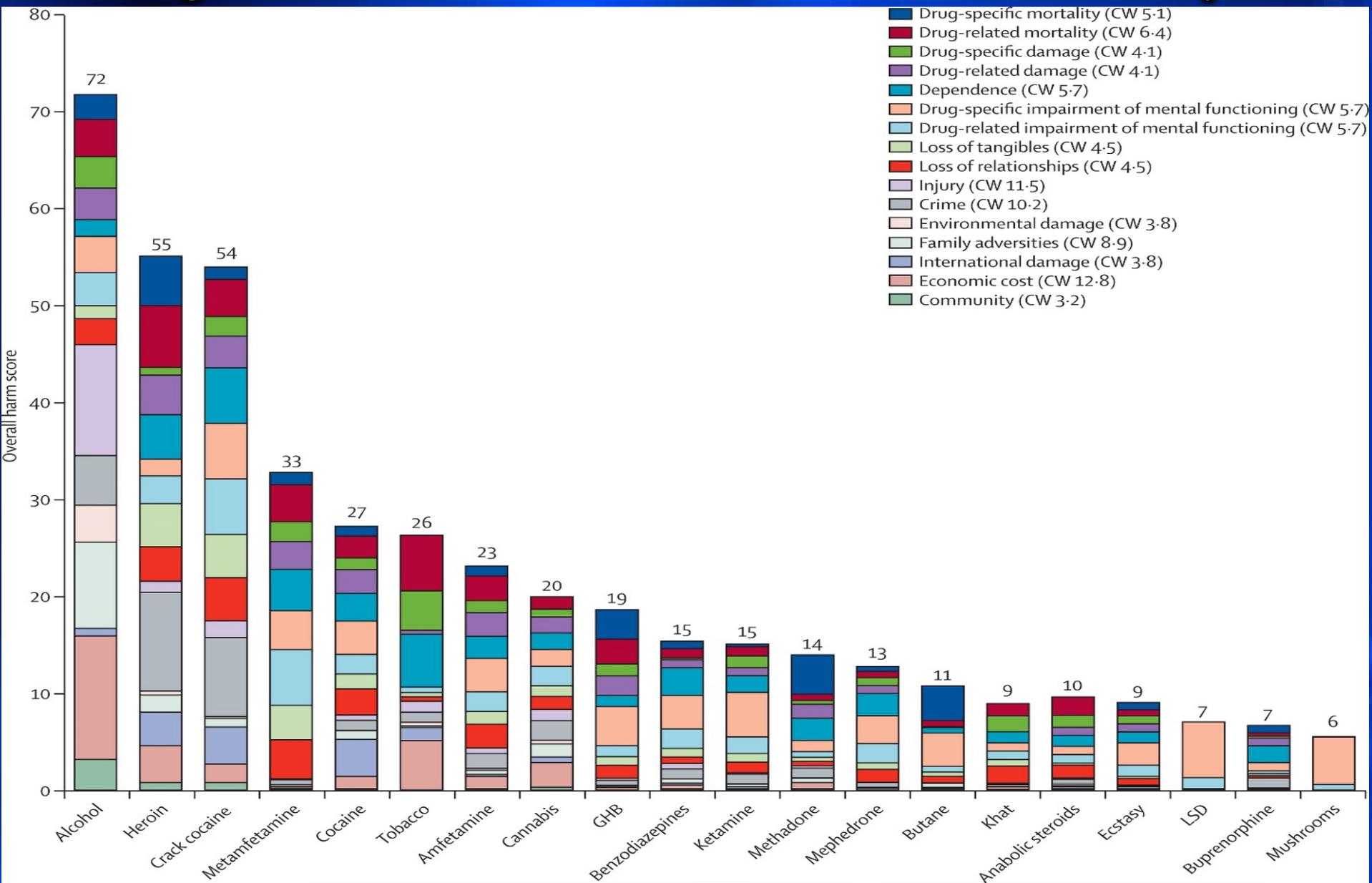
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## **Points to Ponder**

**Why do we have DUI AND DUID laws?**

**Pre-Trial Monitoring for repeat DUID**

**24/7 Monitoring**

**(R.I.S.E.) Re-entry In A Secured Environment**

**Effective Jail Sentences as Sanctions**

# DENVER COUNTY COURT SOBRIETY COURT

Established May 22, 2011

<b>Total Number of Participants</b>	<b>348</b>
<b>Active Participants</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Participants Graduated</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Graduated with new DUI</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Success Rate for Graduates</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Participants Revoked</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Participants on Warrant Status</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Revoked/Warrant with New DUI</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Success Rate for Revoked/Warrant Participants</b>	<b>94.5%</b>

# FORTUNE COOKIE SAYINGS

1. **Good Fortune begins with good decisions**
2. **Don't be afraid to change what is not working**
3. **Two hands work better when one does not hold a bottle**
4. **Some of us can learn from the mistakes of others, but . . . most of us are the others.**
5. **Make your life more than just a warning to others**
6. **Think of what prior DUIs did to your family, . . . What will a felony DUI do?**
7. **Sobriety is the result of more effort and less effort!**

## **60 MINUTES EPISODES ON COLORADO MARIJUANA**

**October 30, 2016 interview, Governor John Hickenlooper:**

**“My biggest concern is that we are not collecting data and what I have told other governors is don’t wait for the laws to change—start collecting baseline data now: how many kids are using marijuana, start looking at accidents to see if THC was involved so that we have really good baselines, so that as we accumulate more data, if they do legalize it, we can see what the effects of legalization itself really are.”**

# Rocky Mountain High Research Center



Understanding the  
damaging effects weed  
has on the teenage  
brain may take years.  
and teenage brains.

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Subjects needed.  
Must be a teenager.  
Must smoke weed.  
Must have 8 IQ points  
to spare.

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# PROBLEMS WITH DATA COLLECTION

1. **Who's using involves self-reporting**
2. **How frequently they are using involves self-reporting**
3. **How much they are using each time is self-reported**
4. **What type of marijuana they use involves self-reporting**
5. **The strength of what is being used cannot be known**
6. **Bottom line: The data obtained will not meet research-based standards, so WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?**

# **LANGUAGE ON THE SIGN**

**Understanding the effects weed  
has on the teenage brain may take years**

**And teenage brains**

**THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION:**

**ARE THE EFFECTS REVERSIBLE OR NOT?**

## **The MMJ Conundrum**

**HB 1247 allows for MMJ while on probation, but what about pre-probation such as pre-trial services for repeat DUIs or jail time between conviction and probation.**

**“Take as needed. Do not operate heavy machinery until you determine how medication affects you.”**

**“So long as you test above ?? Nanograms of THC you shall not occupy the driver’s seat of any motor vehicle anywhere in the state of Colorado with or without the engine running, with or without a valid driver’s license.”**