DRUG and ALCOHOL USE—A SIGNIFICANT RISK FACTOR FOR HIV

A third of the 1.2 million Americans with HIV currently use drugs or binge on alcohol. Many people are unaware that the increased risk of HIV infection among substance users can result from BOTH the sharing of contaminated injection equipment as well as impaired judgment that can lead to risky sexual behavior and HIV transmission. This is why substance abuse treatment can play an important role in preventing the spread of HIV.

1.2 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE LIVING WITH HIV¹

FROM 2005 TO 2009, 1 IN 3 PERSONS WITH HIV WAS A CURRENT DRUG USER OR BINGED ON ALCOHOL.²

{ DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH LESS FREQUENT CONDOM USE.³ }

HIV INCIDENCE BY TRANSMISSION, 2010¹

24% OF ALL PERSONS WITH HIV ARE IN NEED OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT²

(1) CDC; (2) NSDUH; (3) CDC (*) Injection drug use.