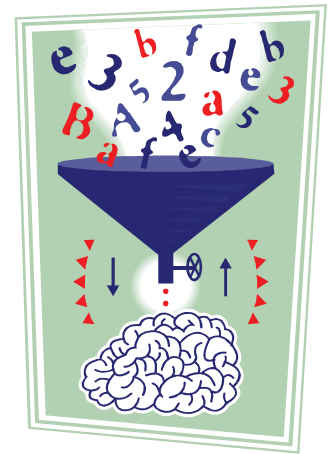


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➤ EMERGING TRENDS IN DRUG ABUSE IN MINNESOTA

Prescription medications used as directed, restore lives and improve functioning. Yet prescription opioids, when diverted and abused can have tragic results and often start a progression to heroin addiction. In addition to this, emerging synthetic compounds (so-called bath salts and synthetic THC) are unscrupulously marketed as safe and legal. The abuse of these substances fills up Minnesota's hospital emergency rooms with people experiencing serious, adverse effects. This presentation addresses the most recent data on the nature and extent of these two major drug abuse trends, and what professionals, parents, communities, and policy makers can do about it.

Presenter: Carol Falkowski, *Drug Abuse Dialogues, LLC* (www.drugabusedialogues.com)
Carol is an expert on drug abuse and has been an articulate voice in the public arena for over three decades. She is the author of the reference book, *Dangerous Drugs, An Easy-to-Use Reference for Parents and Professionals*. She has been published nationally and has appeared on various national talk shows (i.e. Today Show, ABC's 20/20, CNN's Anderson Cooper).