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Addiction and Substance Abuse  
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**CASA\* to Release 12th Annual Teen Survey: America's Schools Infested With Drugs; Drug Use, Possession, Dealing, High and Drunk Students Common on School Grounds**

WASHINGTON, DC--(Marketwire - August 8, 2007) - Joseph A. Califano, Jr., chairman and president of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University and former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, will release the findings from CASA's twelfth annual back-to-school report, "National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse XII: Teens and Parents" on Thursday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kaiser Family Foundation building, 1330 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

For the first time, this year CASA conducted an unprecedented in-depth survey of drugs in America's schools. The results reveal an American school system infested with drug possession, use, dealing, drunk and high students on school grounds. The survey also reveals that the presence of drugs in school may help set the tone for a culture of acceptance, and that popular teens are more likely to drink and use drugs.

The CASA survey of 1,063 teens and 550 parents (53 percent of whom are parents of the teens surveyed) also explores the availability to teens of alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, illegal and prescription drugs and exposes how parents' attitudes and expectations have a strong impact on teen behavior and substance abuse risk.

This survey reveals new information of critical importance to parents, teens, teachers, school administrators and anyone with responsibility for the behavior and well-being of our nation's youth.

MEDIA COVERAGE INVITED. Call Lauren Duran (212-841-5260) or Sulaiman Beg (212-841-5213) to confirm attendance.

WHAT: Release of CASA's 12th annual Back-to-School survey

WHO: CASA Chairman and President, and former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

WHERE: The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation building  
1330 G Street, NW, Washington

WHEN: Thursday, August 16, 10:00 a.m.

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