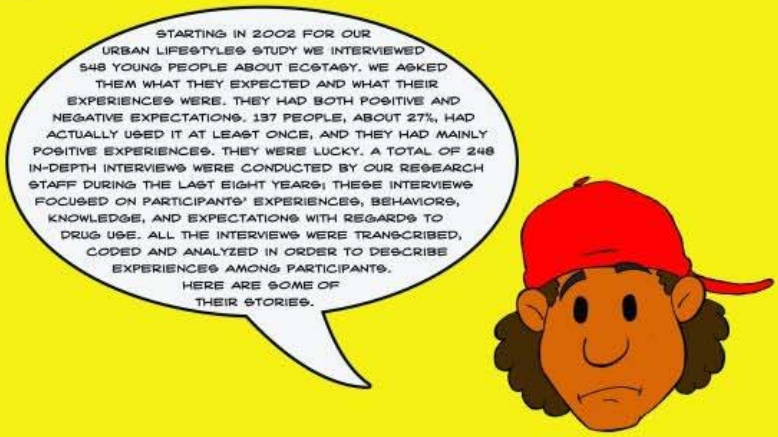
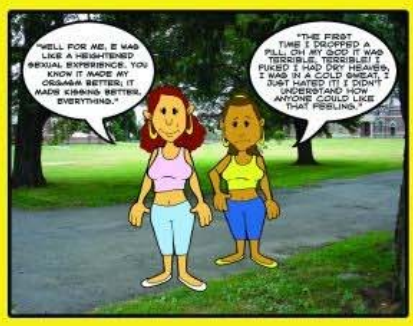
Ecstasy

Although there was a decrease in Ecstasy use at the national level from 2003 to 2005, Hartford youth continued to experiment with the drug. Our research shows that it is widely available on the streets and its use no longer limited to the party scene. Many youth attribute sexual enhancement properties to the pill and few users describe unpleasant experiences. In many cases use is limited to a few times due to diminishing effects after several uses. The experience may be altered by the presence of adulterants in the pills, which may be responsible for more adverse reactions including death.



"The first time I did it…it was my boyfriend and my [female] friend. And I was [going to have] a three-some, so we were like, "Let's see if the E will really get us there," 'cause I really don't like girls…we bought E…we popped them. After like 15 minutes, I was like, "Hi." My best friend was touching my back... and one thing led to another. Then we was all three of us having sex…so he [my boyfriend] stopped doing E, but my best friend and I didn't…and we kept sleeping together, until my boyfriend found out!" "I would have sex in the park [on Ecstasy], wherever. I could be at a red light…"

18-year old Latina MDMA user.



"Yeah, so it was around my 18th birthday. I asked my best friend to try it. He was like, no, I don't wanna try it. I don't wanna try it. He's like, I'll go anyway and have a good time. Everybody else was trying it. Or did it. Or has done it. Or whatever. So we're in the line and he's like, you know what? Screw it! Just give it to me. I gave it to him. I felt kinda bad because, well, I didn't really peer pressure him, but everyone else was doing it. He probably felt outta place. Hey man, c'mon, just one time, you just try it. You don't like it, y'know, don't do it again…ever."

21-year old White male MDMA user.

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