

**The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children provides training, technical assistance, resources, and leadership to assist children living in drug environments.**



**In the past 12 months, the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children has had many key accomplishments.**

- 29 counties have official Drug Endangered Children protocols and 16 are in process
- 47 trainings were held for 2,059 people
- A DEC Training of Trainers was held in Topeka on January 27, 2009 for 33 attendees representing all regions of Kansas. The purpose of the training was to develop a cadre of trainers throughout the state to be available to provide DEC training to local communities and to assist communities with the implementation of DEC initiatives. DEC trainers now provide trainings to audiences including community agencies that serve children, community organizations, faith groups, and school staff. With the implementation of the training cadre, communities across the state have greater access to DEC trainings and resources, leading to strengthened community-level DEC programs and greater likelihood of expansion of efforts to other Kansas communities.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Alliance for DEC Conference held August 20, 2009 in Olathe was attended by more than 140 people. The program featured a nationally recognized speaker, Sgt. Jim Gerhardt of the North Metro Drug Task Force in Thornton, CO. The conference also featured eight break-out sessions on topics including substance use during pregnancy, effective evidence collection and expanding DEC efforts.
- Provided leadership to the National Alliance for DEC, including chairing the Prevention Working Group, serving on the 2009 Conference Planning Committee and presenting at the National Conference.
- Distributed more than 127, 500 English and Spanish resource materials, including materials to 6 SRS regional offices, 7 university health centers, health agencies in every county and more than 350 obstetrician/gynecologist and family practitioner offices.
- Partners for Justice trainings were held in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Regional Community Policing Institute. Over 170 law enforcement officers and social service professionals attended trainings in Hays, Dodge City, Andover and on the Potawatomi Reservation. The trainings focused on substance abuse during pregnancy and how to implement and expand DEC efforts.
- Provided intensive technical assistance to communities, leading to the implementation of protocols/DEC teams. For example, Shawnee County established two protocols—one for children in all drug environments and one focused on newborns who are discovered to be exposed to drugs at birth.

#### **Comments from training participants:**

"First of all, I wanted to tell you what a great job you did with the training. Very professional and organized! Everything was superior—the presentations, the food, the information, etc. Thank you for working so hard for this cause."—DEC Training of Trainers participant

"What a great leadership team! An outstanding coalition of agencies."—DEC Training of Trainers participant

"This is one of the best conferences that I have attended in years."—KADEC conference participant