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KMPP Project Coordinator Testifies Before Congress on Meth Prevention

Highlighting the importance of investing in substance abuse prevention, Cristi Cain, State Coordinator of the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP), testified before the House Subcommittee on Education Reform about methamphetamine prevention.

Cain, a longtime expert in community-wide approaches to meth prevention, was one of several witnesses that took part in the "Combating Methamphetamines through Prevention and Education" hearing on Nov. 17, 2005. She testified at the request of Community Anti-Drug Collations of America (CADCA).

Subcommittee Chairman Mike Castle (R-DE) opened the hearing with an overview of the problems methamphetamine has caused in the United States and some of the Bush Administration's programs to combat it. Reiterating the depth of the problem, Subcommittee Mem-



Cristi Cain (right), Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project Coordinator, listens to opening remarks prior to her testimony before the House Subcommittee on Education Reform on November 17, 2005.

ber Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) provided statistics about the drug's impact in his district and expressed concern over this Administration's willingness to cut substance abuse prevention funding.

Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL) added that with respect to methamphetamine "it's not a matter of spending; it's a matter of invest-

ing" in prevention. Other members of the Subcommittee who communicated their concern included Tom Osborne (R-NE), and Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO).

Cain highlighted the importance of a community-wide approach to meth prevention. "The meth prob-

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Kansas Regional Prevention Center System

Regional Prevention Centers provide drug and alcohol prevention education and technical assistance to communities across the state of Kansas.

South Central	Newton, KS	316-283-6743
Wichita/Sedgwick	Wichita	316-262-2421
Flint Hills	Emporia	620-343-2211
Flint Hills	El Dorado	316-321-6628
Southeast KS	Girard	620-724-6281
North Central KS	Salina	785-825-6224
Northwest	Hays	785-625-5521
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Meth Watch Decals Created for Anhydrous Tanks

In conjunction with Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP) announces the development of a new resource for anhydrous ammonia control.

Kansas Meth Watch decals for placement on anhydrous ammonia nurse tanks are now available to farmers, ranchers and co-ops in Kansas. The decals are modeled after similar stickers developed and used in Rice County.

Funding for the decals was provided by Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funds awarded to Kansas Bureau of Investigations (KBI), in partnership

with KDHE.

The Meth Watch decals are designed to allow Kansas farmers and ranchers to demonstrate support and participate in meth prevention efforts. Decals placed on anhydrous



A Kansas Meth Watch decal is applied to an anhydrous ammonia nurse tank in Shawnee County.

ammonia nurse tanks may also serve as a theft deterrent.

The environmentally-appropriate stickers bear the Kansas Meth Watch logo and are designed to withstand sun and water while placed on anhydrous ammonia nurse tanks.

KDHE has supplied 30,000 decals, providing two stickers for every anhydrous ammonia nurse tank in the state of Kansas. To obtain stickers, contact T.J. Ciaffone at tciaffone@kdhe.state.ks.us. KMPP and KDHE are currently developing a plan to distribute the decals statewide through organizations that serve rural communities.

“Meth Makeover” Featured on Olathe Billboard

A billboard featuring images of the striking physical changes associated with methamphetamine addiction now greets motorists traveling

on Interstate Highway 35 through Olathe.

The Johnson County District Attorney’s office developed the billboard project. Other agencies

contributing to the project are the Paxis Institute, Waitt Outdoor Inc., and Palmer & Co. The billboard

is located on I-35, near Santa Fe street

Olathe and it is estimated 87,000 people pass by the billboard every day.

The “Meth Makeover” billboard will be in place through mid-December.



Website

The Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project website has been completely revamped, with expanded information on strategies, resources and statistics. Please visit the site at www.ksmethpreventionproject.org to check out the new features.

Rice County Meth Watch Group Receives Award

The Rice County Coalition for Children and Families (RCCF)/Meth Watch Work Group has been awarded the 2005 Kansas Association of Broadcasters (KAB) Tony Jewell Award in recognition of the group's work in meth prevention. The award consists of a crystal trophy and \$500 honorarium.

The Tony Jewell Award was established in 1987 to recognize those who have made a significant contribution to the prevention, intervention or treatment of alcohol/drug abuse in Kansas. The award is named in honor of Tony Jewell, a past KAB president with a commitment to solving drug/alcohol problems in communities.

Previously the Tony Jewell Award has been given to individuals. The Meth Watch Work Group is the first group to win the award.

Lucky Kidd, News Director of KSKU/KXKU/KGGG, nominated the Coalition for the award.

"I nominated the Rice County coalition because I have seen first hand what they have been able to accomplish in addressing a problem that plagues many communities across Kansas. To be able to do this in a small rural county that might not have the resources of a larger community is even more remarkable," Kidd said.

The Meth Watch Work Group, established in 2002, includes representatives from law enforcement, education, K-



Brenda Salvati, Lucky Kidd, Mary Kendrick and Vicki Cavit (left to right) display their Tony Jewell Award at the awards ceremony held October 16, 2005 at the Wichita Marriott.

State Research and Extension, health agencies, juvenile services and economic development.

The Work Group was among the early adopters of Kansas Meth Watch and sponsors training and awareness activities throughout the county.

Rice County was the seventh county in Kansas to adopt Drug Endangered Children protocols.

Congratulations to Rice County for this well-deserved recognition of their successful efforts!

Crank It Up! Community Methamphetamine Prevention Training

A training-of-trainers will be held March 1-2, 2006 at the Capper Foundation in Topeka, KS.

Please visit www.parstopeka.com to download a training brochure or to register on-line.

This training fills up quickly and the cost is only \$25, so register today!

Kansas Alliance for DEC Conference Held in Hays

The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children 2005 Statewide Conference was held in Hays, KS on October 13-14, 2005. Nearly 150 Kansans attended the conference held at the Hays Holiday Inn.

Presentations by two speakers from the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children were highlights of the event. Dr. Kathryn Wells, Medical Director of the Denver Family Crisis Center, discussed health implications for children who are exposed to methamphetamine manufacture.

Commander Lori Moriarty of the North Metro Drug Task Force of Thorton, Colorado addressed the need for long-term follow-up and

care for children removed from meth labs. Congressman Jerry Moran provided welcoming comments on the second day of the conference.



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Thank you, also, to the following organizations for donating staff time, materials, equipment and volunteers for this event: Kansas Narcotics Officers Association, Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services, Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas—Hays and the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau.

And, finally, thank you to the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children members and other volunteers who assisted with planning, organizing and presenting information at the conference!

DEC T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!

T-Shirts leftover from the State Conference are for sale. The T-Shirts are beige and have the Kansas Alliance logo on the left breast pocket.

\$6.00 for S, M, L and XL

\$7.00 for 2XL and 3XL

Please contact Loretta at lwyrick@parstopeka.com or (785) 266-8666 to place an order.

Testimony

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lem will not be solved through law enforcement or any single sector alone. Meth is a multi-dimensional problem that demands comprehensive, coordinated solutions," she told the committee.

Cain presented substantiated methods of combating methamphetamine use based on first-hand experience along with spe-

cific outcomes from Kansas. KMPP uses four specific strategies in Kansas communities to create proven results: build public awareness, provide targeted education and skills building, change specific features of the environment and seek relevant changes in policies and practices of key local institutions.

Congressman Mark Souder (R-IN); Congress-

woman Darlene Hooley (D-OR); Robert Denniston, Media Campaign Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy; District Judge John Icenogle of Buffalo County, Nebraska; and Dr. Richard Spoth, Ph.D., Director of Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute at Iowa State University also testified.

To read the entire text of Cain's written testi-

mony, please visit: <http://edworkforce.house.gov/hearings/109th/edr/meth111705/cain.htm>. To see video of Cain's testimony visit <http://edworkforce.house.gov/hearings/hrgarchive.htm> and click on "November 17, 2005".

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