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Kansas Alliance for DEC Acknowledges Contributions of Partners and Volunteers

During the Prevention and Recovery Services Partner of the Year Ceremony held on November 12, Steven Nevil was recognized as the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (KADEC) Partner of the Year. Steven is the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Kansas.

Steven has been involved in Drug Endangered Children (DEC) efforts in Kansas since 2002. He is very dedicated to the DEC issue and continually seeks opportunities to provide education about this critical issue to more people across Kansas.

Steven serves on the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Board of Directors. He was instrumental in securing funding for the 2009 KADEC Conference held in Olathe, as well as funding for previous conferences. Steven arranged for his office to provide valuable support for conferences and other events.



Steven Nevil displays his award with Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children representatives at the Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services Partner of the Year Ceremony. Pictured (l to r) are Cristi Cain, Steven Nevil and Loretta Severin.

Additionally in 2009, Steven assisted with the planning and implementation of the DEC Training of Trainers as well as the Partners for Justice Training. The Partners for Justice Training provided DEC training to law enforcement officers and social service providers across the state. These trainings were held in

Hays, Dodge City, Andover and Mayetta with more than 155 people in attendance.

Kathy Allen, Program Director for Ashby House in Salina, was recognized as the KADEC award recipient during a luncheon ceremony held

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PARTNER AGENCIES

Kansas Regional Prevention Centers

Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services

K-State Research and Extension

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Midwest HIDTA

Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services—Addiction & Prevention Services and Children & Family Policy Division

Kansas National Guard

Safe Streets

Kansas Family Partnership

Kansas Farm Bureau

Reno County District Attorney's Office

Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office

Shawnee County Drug Court

United States Attorney's Office-Wichita

Community Systems Group

University of Kansas

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	316-283-6743
Wichita/Sedgwick	Wichita	316-262-2421
Flint Hills	Emporia	620-343-2211
Flint Hills	El Dorado	316-321-6628
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North Central/NE KS	Salina	785-825-6224
North Central/NE KS	Junction City	785-762-3700
Northwest	Hays	785-625-5521
Northwest	Colby	785-460-8177
Southwest Kansas	Garden City	620-276-9624
East Central	Lawrence	785-841-4138
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Farewell Letter from Cristi Cain

As many of you know, I will be leaving my position as State Coordinator for the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP) and Chair of the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (KADEC) in January 2010. I will be working at the Institute for Educational Research and Public Service based at the University of Kansas, coordinating a federal grant project focused on childhood health (Project LAUNCH).

I began reflecting on the work that has been done to address the methamphetamine problem in communities across the state and to assist children who are living in drug environments. Here are some of our accomplishments over the last 8 years!

- Assisted over 75 Kansas counties and 43 states with the implementation of meth prevention initiatives
- Provided training for 27,143 people and fulfilled over 1,666 technical assistance requests
- Distributed resource materials to over 152,437 people including safety cards, educational videos, community methamphetamine prevention kits, and public educational materials, such as informational cards about substance use during pregnancy.
- Received over 468,824 website hits
- Featured in 492 newspaper articles from July 2004 through November 2009
- 28 Kansas counties have official Drug Endangered Children protocols and 17 Kansas counties are in the process of developing protocols
- Hosted 7 annual conferences including the 2007 National Alliance for DEC conference and 38 training of trainers
- Became involved with national efforts including taking Meth Watch to a national level, testifying before Congressional committees, appearances on national broadcasts, appearances in national publications, and working with the National Alliance for DEC
- Secured over \$1.5 million in grant funding for the Project

On this journey I have had the opportunity to work with the most amazing, passionate and dedicated people I have ever known. So many people from so many different professions and areas of expertise have become involved in our efforts. I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful work. I know that you will continue with your efforts. Leadership transitions are never easy but I know that KMPP and KADEC will be in good hands. Loretta Wyrick Severin has served as Assistant Coordinator for the past 5 years and will do a wonderful job as the new Coordinator. I definitely hope that in my new position I will have the opportunity to interact with many of you and wish you all the very best!

KADEC Identifies 2010 Legislative Priorities

The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (KADEC) has identified legislative priorities for the 2010 legislation session.

The first recommendation is to amend the present aggravated endangering of a child (21-3608a) statute. As currently written, this statute only applies in cases where children are living in a meth manufacturing environment. KADEC recognizes that children living in any type of drug environment are at risk. The proposed changes to the statute are as follows:

- a. Include those situations where a child is allowed to be in an environment where the child has access to controlled substances or the paraphernalia used to ingest the controlled substances.
- b. Expand environment beyond manufacture of methamphetamine to the manufacture, cultivation, distribution, of cocaine, heroin, LSD, PCP, marijuana, and those other substances included in the same schedules.

- c. Make mandatory consecutive sentencing to any other sentencing for associated convictions.

The second legislative recommendation is to amend current distribution statutes to increase penalties for sale or manufacture within a park. This legislation is similar to the existing statute that increases penalties for distribution within a school zone. This revision also contains language that would increase the penalties for distribution to a child or a pregnant female.

Members of the KADEC Legislative Advocacy Committee have met with Senator Derek Schmidt to discuss the proposed amendments and will continue to work closely with him throughout the legislative session.

If you have question regarding the proposed legislative changes or ideas for other legislative priorities, please contact Loretta Wyrick Severin at lwyrick@parstopeka.com.

2009 KADEC Partners Receive Awards

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November 5th in conjunction with the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Since attending the 2008 KADEC conference Kathy has become a tireless champion for DEC in Kansas. DEC issues are close to Kathy's heart. As a treatment provider, Kathy helps women, including pregnant women and mothers, overcome addiction.

Kathy attended a KADEC Training of Trainers in January 2009 and since that time has been conducting presentations to raise awareness about the issue of DEC and get communities more involved. She is working to reestablish a DEC team in Saline County and is always willing to assist with efforts anywhere in the state she is needed.

Thank you to Steven and Kathy for their tireless efforts and invaluable contributions!



Kathy Allen is recognized by Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children representatives during a ceremony at the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Pictured (left to right) are Loretta Wyrick Severin, Cristi Cain, Kathy Allen and Bryan Anderson.

On-Line Resource Launched for Foster Youth

The Kansas Serves Substance Affected Families (KSSAF) initiative has launched a website to provide resources and support to foster youth and former foster youth, including those impacted by alcohol and other drugs.

KSSAF is a joint project of Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services and the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare

funded by a grant from the Administration for Children and Families to increase the well-being of, and to improve the permanency outcomes for, children affected by methamphetamine or other substance abuse. As a partner agency on the grant, the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (KADEC) creates

public awareness materials and provides collaboration and evaluation support.

This component of the KSSAF initiative targets youth ages 15 and older in foster care or former foster care youth currently receiving independent living services. The initiative includes

the integration of substance abuse prevention and early intervention with existing life skills and independent living services utilizing a web-based format.

The website, www.kansasindependence.org, was developed with input from foster youth in Kansas to help their peers "learn more about the challenges and possibilities of

life ahead" as they transition into independent living. The website includes stories of foster youth who were impacted by their own, or their parent's substance abuse, as well as information about the effects of alcohol and other drugs.

Kansasindependence.org also

provides an extensive resource listing on topics from

health and relationships to job hunting and how to buy a car. Additionally, the website links to the Financial Literacy for Youth (FLY) project which contains interactive lessons and activities to teach youth about financial topics including banking, budgeting, goal-setting and saving.

