



Fighting the methamphetamine problem in Kansas one community at a time

Record

PROJECT REBOUNDS AFTER FUNDING LOSS

TAKE ACTION!

With the state legislative session just beginning, now is the time to voice your concerns about the loss of KMPP funding to your state legislators.

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In mid-October, the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP) was notified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), one of KMPP's two funding sources, that it would not continue funding the KMPP.

Project staff sprang into action to alert Kansas communities, the media, Kansas federal legislators, and Regional Prevention Center staff of the funding loss.

The Project has received promising feedback from its advocacy.

The Project heard from many of the Kansas delegation in Washington D.C. Representative Dennis Moore wrote a personal letter of support to U.S. Health and Human Services Director Tommy Thompson (SAMHSA is a HHS agency). Staff of Representatives Moran and Ryan provided the Project with ideas on

other funding sources.

These two legislators also committed to providing the Project with letters of support when the Project applies for more funding from other sources.

Staff from Senator Roberts' office planned to contact SAMHSA on behalf of the Project.

Local media also featured the funding loss.

KSNT-TV, the NBC affiliate in Topeka, ran a story on November 7, featuring interviews with Cristi Cain, Project Coordinator, Laurie Chandler, Project Partner from K-State Research & Extension, Shawnee County, and Brenda Salvati, South Central Regional Prevention Center.

Kansas City's Fox television station, Fox 4, covered the story, featuring Project partner, Janine

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STATE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FUNDING FOR KMPP

In December 2003, the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, a Kansas legislative committee, recommended that the state fund the Kansas Meth

Prevention Project.

Ward Loyd, House Republican from Garden City, is the Committee's Chairman.

A committee's recommendation doesn't

guarantee funding. It's only the beginning.

The KMPP needs the public to contact their state legislators soon to voice support for the Committee's

recommendation.

See page three of the newsletter for information on how to find and contact your state legislators.



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 & Children and Family Policy Division

Kansas National Guard

Safe Streets

Kansas Family Partnership/RADAR Network

Kansas Farm Bureau

Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office

United States Attorney's Office-Wichita

Community Systems Group

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Gracy, Director of the Johnson, Leavenworth, and Miami County Regional Prevention Center in Olathe.

Cain will discuss the Project with the National Crime Prevention Council during a visit to Washington D.C. in late January. While in Washington D.C.,

she will also visit a coalition representing retailers, pharmaceutical companies and others interested in promising strategies to control precursor products.

Look for updates on advocacy efforts in future newsletters and on the KMPP website.

Kansas Regional Prevention Centers

RPC's provide drug and alcohol prevention education and technical assistance to communities across the state of Kansas. Website addresses coming soon.

South Central	Newton, KS	316-283-6743
Wichita/Sedgwick	Wichita	316-262-2421
Flint Hills	Emporia Office	620-343-2211
Flint Hills	El Dorado Office	316-321-6628
Southeast KS	Girard	620-724-6281
North Central KS	Salina	785-493-0995
Northwest	Hays	785-625-5521
Northwest	Colby	785-462-8152
Northwest	Goodland	785-899-3848
Southwest Kansas	Garden City	620-276-9624
East Central	Lawrence Office	785-830-8238
East Central	Hiawatha Office	785-742-4487
Johnson/Leavenworth/Miami	Olathe	913-715-7880
Wyandotte County	Kansas City	913-288-7685
Northeast KS	Manhattan	785-587-4372
Shawnee County	Topeka	785-266-8666

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KANSAS STATE LEGISLATORS

Please contact your state legislators in support of the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice's recommendation of full state funding of the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (see page one story).

The 2004 legislative session began January 12.

Page 6 of this newsletter contains a list of the Project's achievements to include in your calls and emails to legislators.

The legislative alert the Project distributed in November can be downloaded off of the Project's website.

This alert contains valuable information about the meth epidemic in Kansas and KMPP accomplishments, which may be helpful to include in your calls and emails to legislators.

More information about the Project's website can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Find Your State Legislator Online

- Visit the Policy Research Institute website
- <http://www.ku.edu/pri/ksdata/vote/>
- Scroll down the page to the list of counties
- Click on your county to see a list of your legislators in the Kansas House and Senate

Visit the Kansas Legislature website

- <http://www.kslegislature.org/>
- For information on your legislators, house and senate calendars, bills, statutes, and committee information.

Tamper Tags

If enough people request tamper tags for anhydrous ammonia tanks, the KMPP can order them at reduced rates and pass along the savings to you. Last year, enough people ordered tags so the price was discounted 45%. If you're interested in ordering tamper tags, contact Laurie Harrison at the KMPP: lharrison@parstopeka.com or 785-266-8666.

This newsletter is available to download in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format from the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project website, www.ksmethpreventionproject.org Follow the "Project Materials" link to find this and other newsletters.

KMPP Achievements *at a glance*

The project, its minigrant recipients, and its partner agencies were featured in newspapers across Kansas 259 times between January and October 2003.

242 community methamphetamine kits were distributed throughout Kansas and 10 other states including California, Virginia, Montana, North Carolina, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Texas, and Wyoming

TAMPER TAGS
74,000 tamper tags were distributed across Kansas
35 communities received 1,000 or more tamper tags

MINIGRANTS
46 communities received minigrant funding for prevention activities
82% of minigrantees implemented tamper tags programs
40% implemented retail prevention strategies

Drug Endangered Children
10 communities received minigrant funding for DEC activities
The KMPP Statewide DEC Subcommittee now meets quarterly to discuss statewide DEC efforts

Nearly 50% of Kansas counties implemented meth prevention efforts and/or Drug Endangered Children Programs using KMPP funding and technical assistance

Benefits to Communities

- Increased public awareness
- Increased numbers of arrests
- Increase in community safety
- Improved collaboration

The KMPP provided technical assistance to 15 other states

Trainings
60% of Kansas counties were represented at KMPP's four training-of-trainers two-day workshops in November and December 2002
KMPP staff, minigrantees, and project partners have provided 233 trainings and presentations to nearly 9,700 people since October 2002
KMPP staff, minigrantees, and project partners have distributed information at 30 fairs and other events in which nearly 51,000 people attended

KMPP Website Up and Running

Check us out!

The website of the Kansas
Methamphetamine Prevention Project is
now online

www.ksmethpreventionproject.org

What You Can Find Now Online

- Project activities
- Handouts
- Newsletters
- Press releases
- Legislative alerts
- Lists of Minigrantees
- Partner Agency websites
- State conference photos
- Links to state and national resources on meth and other drugs

Coming Soon Online...

- Methamphetamine Lab Stats
- Prevention Strategies
- Treatment links
- Minigrantee success stories
- Kansas legislation
- Links to news articles
- Links to other meth websites

Updated Daily!

Other Resources

Kansas Communities That Care School Survey Data

- www.ctcdata.org
- Data includes incidences of drug use, violence, and delinquency among Kansas students
- View by county: Click on "County Data" and then follow prompts

Kansas Treatment Data

- <http://srskansas.org/hcp/aaps/index.html>
- Click on "Reports" on the right
- Click "HCP Quarterly Report FY 2003" from the Health Care Policy Report on treatment and admissions
- Provided by Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, Addiction and Prevention Services

STATE CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

The KMPP hosted its first statewide conference on September 22-23, 2003, in Topeka.

The conference, titled Methamphetamine: From Prevention to Treatment, brought together experts in prevention, treatment, law enforcement, criminal justice, community organizing, and medicine to provide updated information about methamphetamine.

Dr. Rizwan Shah, nationally known medical expert on the effects of methamphetamine on children, was the conference's keynote speaker.

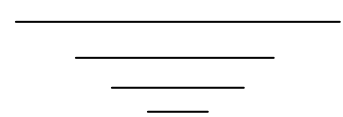
One highlight of the conference was viewing video footage of an actual clandestine lab, courtesy of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The KBI officer who worked the case narrated the video, and an inmate from the Shawnee County Jail provided commentary on how meth affected his life.

Project partners Sandra Charbonneau, Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office, and TJ Ciaffone, Kansas Department of Health & Environment, provided on-site analysis of the child endangerment, legal, and environmental aspects of the video

Another highlight was the panel on methamphetamine treatment in Kansas, which included two panelists who are recovering methamphetamine addicts.

During the state conference the KMPP held a ceremony in recognition of the Project's recipients of minigrant funding. The Project also recognized a member of the media who brought attention to the meth problem in Kansas (see below).

Check out the Project website for photos and additional information about the state conference.



PROJECT RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS

In February, 2003 the Project provided 46 Kansas communities with small amounts of funding ("minigrants") to develop methamphetamine prevention projects. Three minigrantees were recognized for their efforts during a ceremony at the state conference in September.

Each received a recognition award in the amount of \$1,000.

Mini-grant Recognition Awards

Johnson County Methamphetamine Prevention Project

Rice County Meth Watch

Russell County Community Partnership

Honorable Mentions:

- Atchison County Dream Team & the Guidance Center of Atchison County
- Community Health Coalition of Reno County
- Haskell County Community Health Organization Committee
- Morris County Anti-Drug Task Force & K-State Research and Extension – Morris County

Media Recognition Award

The Project also recognized a member of the media for her work on the subject of methamphetamine. The recipient of the first Media Recognition Award was **Jessica LeDuc** for her four-part series on the drug in February, 2003. She is a reporter for the *Concordia Blade-Empire*.

STATE CONFERENCE CONT.

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