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See the last page of this newsletter for a meth fact sheet you can distribute

COMING EVENTS

*****KANSAS METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION PROJECT CONFERENCE*****

- The first statewide conference for the KMPP is **September 22-23, 2003 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas.**
- Tentative conference topics include effects of methamphetamine on infants and young children, medical protocols when treating children found in meth labs, planning a Drug Endangered Children program on a budget, success stories in methamphetamine prevention, legislation affecting methamphetamine use and manufacture, ethical dilemmas relating to methamphetamine, and promising approaches in the treatment of methamphetamine addiction.
- If you can't make it, don't worry. A second statewide conference will be held in the western part of the state in 2004.
- Look for conference details soon.

National Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime

- National Night Out is a drug and crime prevention event on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 sponsored by National Association of Town Watch. More than 9,800 communities participated in all 50 states last year.
- This may be the perfect opportunity to provide methamphetamine information to your community.
- Registration and participation in the event is free. Visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html> for more details.

PROJECT UPDATES

KMPP Activities

- KMPP is working on a number of new projects. A training video and reference cards are being developed for chance-encounter workers whose occupations may put them in contact with meth labs. The video will be applicable to many workers, including gas service workers, school bus drivers, rural mail carriers, plumbers, electricians, road crews, and sanitation workers.
- Depending on funding, the KMPP may soon be adding a half-time statewide rural coordinator, who will provide technical assistance to rural communities, work with extension agents, and represent the Project at agricultural events.
- Depending on funding, the KMPP will also expand its Drug Endangered Children efforts across the state.

- Recently, the KMPP staff and volunteers put on home visitor trainings for SRS employees in the central part of the state. The Project now has presentation materials specifically geared to workers whose work routines include visiting homes. Contact the KMPP for more details.

Mini-grantee Reporting Requirements

- For those communities who received mini-grants from the KMPP in February, look for your reporting requirements in the mail and via electronic mail soon.

Reminders

- Laptops and projectors are available for checkout.
- Contact Cristi Cain, 785-266-8666, or ccain@parstopeka.com to check out materials.
- Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) provides free printed materials and videos for checkout. Contact RADAR at 1-800-206-7231, 785-266-6149 (in Topeka); via email kansasradar@kansasfamily.com, or visit the web site at www.kansasfamily.com/Pages/radarintro.html.

Staff

- Currie Myers, KMPP's expert from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, was elected Sheriff of Johnson County, Kansas, in April. He will be scaling back his KMPP duties during the next few weeks. Myers was an invaluable asset to the project, especially during the four "Crank It Up" trainings of trainers in November and December 2002. The KMPP and partner organizations wish Myers well in his new position.

SADD Methamphetamine Awareness Pilot Project Competition

- In May, Kansas chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) competed for funding from the KMPP to create a SADD methamphetamine prevention pilot project for high schools. The winner will create a meth awareness pilot project to be introduced during the 2003-2004 school year. Then two representatives of the winning SADD chapter will participate in the statewide SADD training of trainers in April 2004, in the hopes of duplicating the project in schools across Kansas.
- The winner of the first KMPP SADD Pilot Project is the SADD chapter from Colby High School. Congratulations!

Tamper Tags

- KMPP now has a supply of tamper tags. They're available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Laurie Harrison, 785-266-8666, or lharrison@parstopeka.com.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Media Tracking

- Report any radio, television, or print coverage monthly to your local Regional Prevention Center. If you could provide dates, topic, media source, and even copies of actual newspaper articles, it would be helpful.
- KMPP and its mini-grantees have had extensive media coverage throughout the state. In March alone, 34 Kansas newspapers featured the project and its mini-grant recipients.

Stories of Interest

- If you have any interesting stories about meth cooks or users in your area, the KMPP would like to hear them. Please email your stories to Cristi Cain, ccain@parstopeka.com.

Data Availability

- Access current Communities That Care school survey data from the Greenbush Data Warehouse on the Internet at <http://x.greenbush.org/CTC/index.php>. This is an online data portal which lists the Survey data about drug attitudes and use among 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Kansas.
- Access current treatment statistics from Addiction and Prevention Services, a part of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, on the Internet at <http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/aaps/index.html>.

PROJECT LINKS

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Kansas Department of Health & Environment:

- Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup Program www.kdhe.state.ks.us/methlabs
- Kansas Retailer Meth Watch Program www.kdhe.state.ks.us/methlabs/mw_index.htm

K-State Research and Extension www.oznet.ksu.edu

Kansas Bureau of Investigation Meth Information www.accesskansas.org/drugenforcement

Kansas Family Partnership www.kansasfamily.com

Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services www.srskansas.org

Kansas National Guard www.ks.ngb.army.mil

Prevention and Recovery Services www.parstopeka.com

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FACT SHEET

- Kansas ranked 5th in the nation in the number of meth labs seized in 2002 (1st per capita). *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation.*
- 728 meth labs were seized in Kansas in 2002. *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation*
- 8th graders in rural areas are 104% more likely to use meth than those in urban areas. *Source: "Prevention in rural areas," by R.W. Edwards & P. Waters. In Prevention Forum, vol. 22, issue 3, pp.7-11, 2002.*
- Kansas saw an 81% increase in treatment admissions for methamphetamine addiction from 1997 to 2002. *Source: Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitative Services*
- Meth issues (enforcement, environmental damage, incarceration, treatment) cost the state over \$23 million dollars per year. *Source: "Methamphetamine Labs: Reviewing Kansas' Enforcement Efforts," Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit, 2001.*
- 80 children in Kansas were exposed to toxic chemicals in meth labs in 2002. *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation*
- 6.2% of Kansas high school seniors have tried meth at least once in their lifetimes. *Source: Kansas Communities That Care school survey, 2000, 2001, 2002.*
- Approximately 98% of people who use meth become addicted, as opposed to 10% of all people who use alcohol. *Source: Dr. Thomas Hall, Addiction Counselor Program, KCK Community College*
- 1,236 Kansans sought treatment in state-funded treatment agencies for meth addiction in FY 2002. *Source: Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitative Services*
- Approximately 25% of those seeking treatment were between the ages of 20 and 24. *Source: Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitative Services*
- 80% of labs in Kansas are Nazi method, 20% are Red Phosphorous. *Source: Kansas Bureau of Investigation*
- One pound of meth produces between five and six pounds of toxic waste. *Source: Kansas Department of Health & Environment*
- 76.4% of illegal drug users aged 18 years and older are employed. *Source: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, 2001 data.*

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