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Meth Project Distributes Over \$65,000 to Kansas Counties for Prevention Efforts

With the funding support of Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), in 2005 the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP) has distributed over \$65,000 in mini-grant funding to 39 Kansas counties for methamphetamine prevention efforts.

Cristi Cain, Project Coordinator, emphasized the ability of communities to implement successful meth prevention initiatives even with small amounts of funding.

“Communities receiving mini-grants have experienced reductions in thefts and sales of the precursor products used to manufacture meth, reduced usage of meth by youth, increased arrests and improved collaboration. The funding serves as a catalyst for bringing community members together to develop a plan for addressing the methamphetamine problem,” Cain said.

Strategies to be implemented by mini-grant recipients include Drug Endangered Children programs, anhydrous ammonia tamper tag programs and community awareness projects.

As part of the Border County Initiative, a total of \$25,000 in mini-grant funding was awarded to 12 counties bordering Oklahoma in June 2005.

The Labette County Health Department will use Border County Initiative mini-grant funding to “educate citizens to increase awareness of ingredients used for producing meth and what they can do to assist.” Debbi Baugher of the Labette County Health Department hopes to create meth awareness in the community so “local residents understand that this isn’t a law enforcement problem, but a community problem.”

Through a partnership with Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and Kansas Department of Health

and Environment (KDHE), KMPP received \$40,000 of COPS funding to distribute to Kansas counties. In July 2005, 31 counties received an average award of \$1300.

The Morris County Anti-Drug Task Force will use mini-grant funding to host community awareness “lunch ‘n learn” sessions.

“Since meth is a community problem, we are thankful for the assistance of the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project to assist us in educating the Morris County community. Areas of the county not previously reached with meth awareness workshops will be targeted with the funds from this grant,” said Ann Sparke, K-State Research and Extension Agent.

KMPP anticipates additional mini-grant funding will be available through a federal appropriation in Fall 2005. Application materials will be posted at www.ksmethpreventionproject.org.

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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 Office	620-343-2211
Flint Hills	El Dorado Office	316-321-6628
Southeast KS	Girard	620-724-6281
North Central KS	Salina	785-825-7595
Northwest	Hays	785-625-5521
Northwest	Colby	785-462-8152
Northwest	Goodland	785-899-3848
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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.

Drug Endangered Children Conference Scheduled

The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children State Conference will be held October 13 and 14 in Hays, KS. The two-day conference will benefit community members interested in initiating Drug Endangered Children (DEC) efforts in their community, as well as those involved in existing DEC programs.

The first day of the conference will provide a methamphetamine overview and an introduction to the DEC concept. The Alliance is pleased to offer a special concurrent session developed for law enforcement officers who work at clandestine laboratory sites. The law enforcement session will cover site safety, evidence collection and OSHA and EPA guidelines. The first day of the conference will con-

clude with a networking session giving conference attendees the opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned.

Two nationally known speakers will present on the second day of



the conference. Lieutenant Lori Moriarty of the North Metro Drug Task Force of Thornton, CO will address tracking and follow-up of children removed from meth labs.

Dr. Kathryn Wells, the Medical Director of the Denver Family Cri-

sis Center, will discuss the physical and psychological implications for children who are exposed to methamphetamine use and manufacture.

Community members who will benefit from this conference include law enforcement, prosecutors, medical professionals, first responders, child protective service workers and social service providers, among others.

Funding, in part, was provided through a grant from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Center (Children's Justice Act) through Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, Children and Family Services.

To view the conference brochure, or to register on-line, please visit www.parstopeka.com.

Cold Medication Restrictions Become Law

As of June 1, 2005 a key ingredient necessary for the manufacture of methamphetamine is more difficult to acquire in Kansas.

Under the Sheriff Matt Samuels Chemical Control Act, named after the Greenwood County Sheriff killed in a meth-related incident, cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are now Schedule V controlled substances.

As a Schedule V substance, these medications must be kept behind a pharmacy counter and can be sold only by pharmacists or pharmacy technicians. In order to purchase the restricted

medications, the purchaser must be 18 years of age, show photo identification and sign a log book.

Liquids, liquid capsules and gel tabs are exempt under the law and still available for over-the-counter purchase since they are not typically used in methamphetamine manufacture.

In response to the new law, KMPP, KBI and KDHE partnered with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy to produce signage to educate consumers about the new restrictions. KMPP developed signs for display on shelves where cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseu-

doephedrine were formerly placed.

The signs provide a brief explanation of the law and direct consumers to the pharmacy, or, in stores without pharmacies, explain why the products are no longer available for purchase. Board of Pharmacy and Regional Prevention Center staff are distributing the signs to retail outlets.

Currently more than 40 states have enacted, or are considering enacting, increased restrictions on the sales of products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.

Oklahoma and Iowa, among the first states to pass such legislation, report a drop in clandes-

time meth lab seizures in the months since the restrictions have taken effect. Iowa reported a 75% decrease in meth lab seizures in the three months after the governor signed the law. In the 15 months since Oklahoma's law took effect, that state has seen a 90% reduction in meth lab seizures.

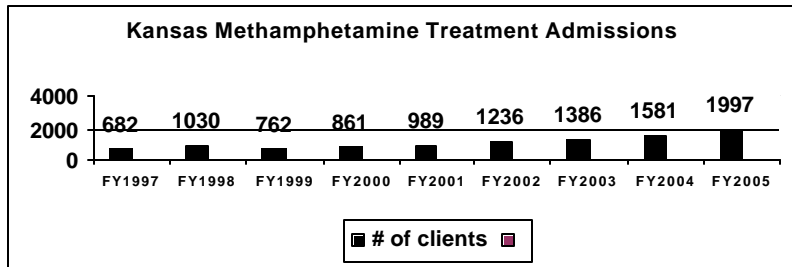
Kansas statistics also indicate that the new legislation is impacting the number of clandestine meth labs in the state. In June 2004, 56 meth labs were seized in Kansas. Only 11 meth labs were seized in Kansas during the same period of 2005, representing an 80% decrease.

Kansas Meth Treatment Statistics Increase

For the 6th consecutive year, state-funded treatment programs in Kansas have seen an increase in treatment admissions. seeking methamphetamine treatment, with 308 residents and 195 residents, respectively. Of concern is the increasing number of younger people entering treatment in Kansas, visit www.srskansas.org/hcp/aaps.

According to data provided by SRS Addiction and Prevention Services, 1,997 individuals entered state-funded drug and alcohol treatment with a primary problem of methamphetamine in fiscal year 2005. That data represents a 162% increase from methamphetamine treatment admissions in 1997.

Sedgwick and Shawnee counties led the state in number of residents



Federal Action Taken to Address Meth

Federal legislation has been proposed that would create nationwide restrictions on the sale of cold and allergy medications containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine.

The Combat Meth Act, sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-California) and Sen. Jim Talent (R-Missouri), would move products containing pseudoephedrine behind pharmacy counters and limit purchases to 7.5 grams per month.

Photo identification and a signature in a log book would be required for purchases. An amendment to the bill would permit states to adopt their own restrictions, providing they are at least as strict as the federal law. States also could choose to allow over-the-counter

sales of children's cold medicine containing 15 milligrams or less of pseudoephedrine.

The Combat Meth Act would also earmark funding for law enforcement, meth treatment, research and assistance for children who have been affected by meth. The bill was unanimously approved in the Senate Judiciary Committee in July and may come before the full Senate this fall.

The Bush Administration has also announced new anti-meth measures. On Thursday, August 18 three Administration Cabinet members provided an update on the Administration's efforts to address methamphetamine. John Walters, the Director of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP); Alberto R.

Gonzales, U.S. Attorney General; and Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), outlined initiatives in four areas: prevention and treatment, law enforcement, education, and management of the drug's unique consequences.

For more information regarding the Administration's plan visit www.methresources.gov.

The U.S. Justice Department and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) have unveiled a website to educate teens about methamphetamine use. The site, www.justthinktwice.com, contains before and after photos of meth users, articles about teens impacted by meth use and links to video clips.

Crank It Up! Community Methamphetamine Prevention Training

A training-of-trainers will be held November 16-17, 2005 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!

Nine Kansas Counties Adopt DEC Protocols



The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children would like to congratulate the nine Kansas counties who have adopted official protocols for assisting children removed from homes where methamphetamine is being used and manufactured. The Alliance is pleased to recognize these counties for their commitment to improving the lives of children.

CRAWFORD
FINNEY
HARVEY

JOHNSON
RENO
RICE

RUSSELL
SEDGWICK
THOMAS

An additional twenty-two counties in Kansas are in the process of developing Drug Endangered Children protocols. Good luck to these communities!

ALLEN
CHASE
CHEROKEE
DICKINSON
FORD
GEARY
GREENWOOD
JEFFERSON

LABETTE
LYON
MARION
MCPHERSON
MORRIS
NEOSHO
POTTAWATOMIE
RILEY

SALINE
SEWARD
SHAWNEE
STEVENS
SUMNER
WYANDOTTE

Meth Prevention Resources Available

The Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project continues to offer prevention resources to communities throughout Kansas and the United States. Most of these resources are available at no cost. Please review this listing of some of our newest materials!

- **Tips for Home Visitors:** This double-sided, laminated card contains valuable safety information for home visitors who may unwittingly enter a home where methamphetamine is used or manufactured. Thank you to KDHE for generously donating the printing of the cards!
- **Meth Watch Street Signs:** These 12 x 20 inch metal signs bear the Meth Watch logo and are available at no cost to Kansas communities. To place an order, contact T.J. Ciaffone at (785) 368-7301 or tciaffone@kdhe.state.ks.us. The street signs are also available to communities outside of Kansas for \$9.00,

plus shipping and handling. For out-of-state orders, contact Loretta Wyrick Severin at lwyrick@parstopeka.com

- **Anhydrous Ammonia Tank Signs:** The Kansas Meth Watch logo has been printed on 11 x 8.5 inch non-biodegradable stickers for use on anhydrous ammonia tank locks. Thank you to KDHE and KBI for providing the stickers!
- **Tamper Tags:** A limited number of tamper tags are for sale through KMPP. The cost of the tags is \$102.00 per 500. These one-time use tags are applied to the valve of an anhydrous ammonia tank. When cut or missing, the tag alerts the farmer or rancher that the tank may have been broken into.

Please contact Loretta Wyrick Severin at (785) 266-8666 or lwyrick@parstopeka.com for ordering information.