

Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Partner Agencies

Chase County Drug Free Action Team
DCCCA, Inc.
Ford County Sheriff's Office
Johnson County Med-Act
Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Kansas CASA Association
Kansas Children's Service League
Kansas Family Partnership
Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project
Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services,
Children and Family Policy Division
K-State Research & Extension
KVC—Behavioral HealthCare
Lyons Middle School
Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Office of District Attorney Nola Foulston,
Sedgwick County
Regional Prevention Center of Johnson,
Leavenworth and Miami Counties
Regional Prevention Center of Northeast Kansas
Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas
Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center
Sedgwick County Permanency Coordinating
Council
Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office
Southwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center
U.S. Attorney's Office
Wesley Family Practice
Western Kansas Broadcasting Center
Wichita Area SRS Office
Wichita Fire Department
Wichita Police Department

Helpful Websites

National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children:
www.nationaldec.org

Office of National Drug Control Policy:
www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/enforce/dr_endangered_child.html

Colorado DEC program:
www.colodec.com

Arizona DEC program:
www.ag.state.az.us/DEC

Washington DEC program:
www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/CDL/cdldec.htm

United States Department of Justice, National Drug Intelligence Center:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/children/welcome.html>

Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project:
www.ksmethpreventionproject.org

For more information on becoming involved with the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, or for information about starting a Drug Endangered Children program in your community, please contact:

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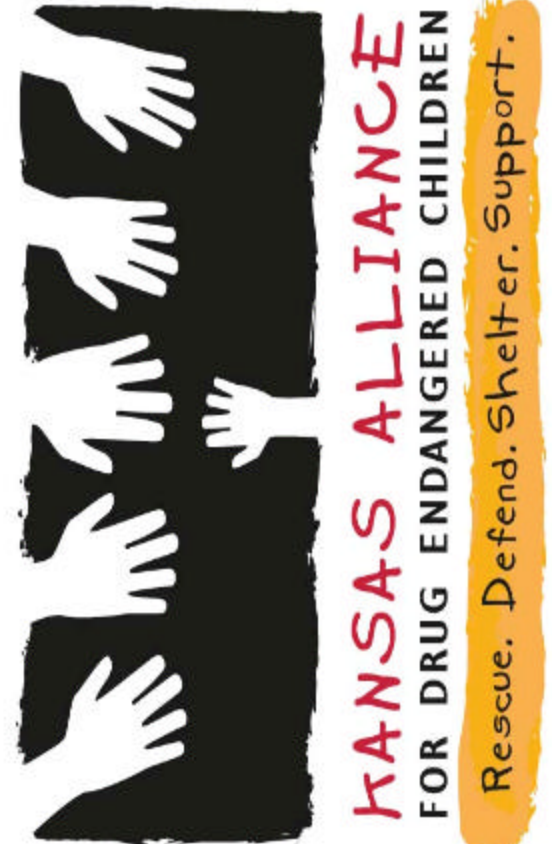
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What is a Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program?

A DEC program is a multidisciplinary approach to protecting children found in homes where methamphetamine is used or manufactured.

DEC programs develop response teams that bring together law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical personnel, and other agencies. In your community, a DEC program can develop strategies to intervene on the behalf of children affected by their parents' meth use or manufacture.

Why are DEC programs important?

Children living in drug environments are at great risk for physical, emotional and developmental harm. A child in a meth lab may experience severe neglect, physical and sexual abuse, in addition to the physical effects of exposure to the chemicals used to manufacture meth.

These children may suffer from respiratory conditions, be malnourished and experience developmental delays. A DEC program will help protect high-risk children in your community from these devastating effects.

What is the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children ?

Vision

Rescue, defend, shelter and support Kansas children from drug endangered environments.

Mission

A statewide, multidisciplinary collaboration empowering communities in preventing, protecting and serving children in drug endangered environments by providing resources, education, leadership and support.

The Kansas Alliance is a collaboration of professionals from various partner agencies who have experience developing and implementing DEC programs. We offer:

Technical assistance:

- Samples of protocols from other counties
- Lessons learned from existing DEC programs
- PowerPoint presentations focusing on the effects of meth on children and how to implement DEC efforts
- Helpful handouts and worksheets
- Training videos
- County-specific DEC logos
- Opportunities to network with DEC experts from around the country

Trainings and presentations:

- State DEC conferences
- General information about DEC programs and effects of meth on children
- How to implement a DEC program

Kansas counties with DEC protocols in place

Barton	Johnson
Clark	Kingman
Cloud	Kiowa
Comanche	Lyon
Crawford	McPherson
Ellis	Meade
Finney	Norton
Ford	Reno
Geary	Rice
Graham	Russell
Gray	Sedgwick
Harper	Shawnee
Harvey	Thomas
Jefferson	

Kansas counties developing DEC protocols

Allen	Morris
Butler	Riley
Chase	Saline
Cherokee	Seward
Elk	Stevens
Greenwood	Sumner
Labette	Wyandotte
Marion	

As of May 2008, more than 40 Kansas counties were engaged in DEC programs. An updated list of counties involved in DEC efforts is available at: www.ksmethpreventionproject.org