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Sedan High School Teen Receives National Recognition for Meth Prevention Efforts

At the 2nd Annual Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference held August 23rd, Bailey LeGrand was awarded the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project Outstanding Youth Leadership Award.

In November 2005, Bailey LeGrand, a sophomore at Sedan High School, and her school sponsor, Linda Fadely, attended a Community Methamphetamine Prevention Training of Trainers in Topeka.

Since that time, Bailey has made it her mission to educate students and others in her community about the dangers of methamphetamine. Using the materials she received at the Crank It Up training, Bailey developed a meth education presentation.

Through her efforts, Bailey has educated over 400 people in her community including students, parents, school staff and community groups. Her efforts



Bailey LeGrand (center), displays her award plaque and scholarship check with her school sponsor, Linda Fadely (left) and mother, Gail LeGrand (right).

included working with 4th-6th grade students 30 minutes a day for two weeks.

In January 2006, Bailey entered her methamphetamine prevention presentation in a

district FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) competition and won first place.

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Four Honored for Outstanding DEC Efforts

Four Kansans were recognized for their outstanding contributions to assist drug endangered children at the 2nd Annual Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children State Conference.

Cristi Cain and Al King, Co-Chairs of the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, presented awards to Tom Stanton, Reno County District Attorney's Office; Steve Rosebrough, Kansas Bureau of Investigation; Jodie Beisner on behalf of the Cloud County Drug Endangered Children Task Force and Andrew Mahoney, Western Kansas Broadcast Center.

Bailey LeGrand, sophomore at Sedan High School, was also awarded the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project Outstanding Youth Leadership Award. For more information, see the article on page 1.

Tom Stanton, Reno County District Attorney's Office, received the Outstanding Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Leadership Award. Since 2001, Mr. Stanton has been actively involved with the development and implementation of DEC efforts in Reno County, including serving as a member of the DEC steering committee, obtaining funding for the initial efforts, and assisting with the administration of the program.

Mr. Stanton has also assisted drug endangered children around the state by drafting legislation to make it a felony in Kansas to expose a child to a meth lab. Mr. Stanton was nominated by Mollie Thompson of the Regional Prevention Center of South Central Kansas.

The Cloud County Drug Endangered Children Task Force was awarded an Honorable



Steve Rosebrough (left to right), Bailey LeGrand, Tom Stanton, Jodie Beisner and Andrew Mahoney gather after being honored by the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

Mention DEC Leadership Award. Jodie Beisner of the Regional Prevention Center of North Central Kansas accepted the award on behalf of the Task Force.

Formed in February of 2006 as a project of the Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee of the Cloud County Community Resource Council, the Task Force displayed excellent collaboration and utilization of resources by developing and implementing a protocol in less than five months. The Task Force was nominated by Jim Anderson of SRS and the Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee.

Steve Rosebrough, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, received an Honorable Mention DEC Leadership Award for his instrumental work to implement the first formal Drug Endangered Children program in Kansas. Since 2003, Mr. Rosebrough has educated people across the state about drug endangered children and has served on committees at the state level to help implement the concept across Kansas.

Without Mr. Rosebrough's dedication to assisting the children of Kansas, the implementation of DEC programs in the state likely would have occurred more slowly. Mr. Rosebrough was nominated by Rod Page of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Andrew Mahoney, Western Kansas Broadcast Center in Garden City, received the Outstanding Media Coverage Award for staunchly championing increased awareness about the meth problem in Southwest Kansas. Mr. Mahoney consistently provides air and feature time to promote meth prevention events and broadcasts discussions and interviews in support of these projects.

Mr. Mahoney's interest and enthusiasm are truly an example of the vital role media can play in methamphetamine prevention and drug endangered children efforts. Mr. Mahoney was nominated by John Calbeck and Lois Limes of the Regional Prevention Center of Southwest Kansas.

KMPP Selects KBI Agent as Partner of the Year

Kansas Bureau of Investigation Special Agent David Hutchings was named the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP) Partner of the Year at the Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services' Partner of the Year Ceremony held September 21st.

David has made significant contributions to KMPP in a multitude of capacities. He serves as co-chair of the Shawnee County Drug Endangered Children Protocol Committee and has met personally with key leaders on several occasions to facilitate the development of protocols.

David also has been involved with the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and played a critical role in the production of two Drug Endangered Children training videos.

David is a key member of the Shawnee County Drug Paraphernalia Task Force, developing a plan to serve warning letters to convenience stores that sell items used to consume illegal drugs and drafting changes to existing state paraphernalia statutes.

Additionally, David has been a frequent presenter at the Crank It Up training-of-trainers and served on



KBI Senior Special Agent David Hutchings poses with KMPP staff Loretta Wyrick Severin (left) and Cristi Cain (right) at the PARS Partner of the Year Ceremony.

the 2006 KMPP mini-grant review committee.

David was selected for this award because of his commitment to KMPP and his willingness to take on tasks and follow them through to completion. David, as well as the KBI, have made significant contributions to KMPP. Congratulations, David!

Research Reveals Impact of Prenatal Meth Exposure

Pregnant women who use methamphetamine are 3.5 times more likely than other mothers to have underweight babies, new research finds.

The Brown Medical School-led study of 1,618 women from four medical centers in different parts of the United States is the first large-scale investigation of the prenatal effects of methamphetamine use.

Eighty-four of the 1,534 babies born to the women participating in the study were exposed to methamphetamine during pregnancy.

Newborns exposed to the drug during pregnancy aren't at risk of being born prematurely, but they are much more likely to be smaller than normal. This is because methamphetamine appears to restrict the flow of nutrient-rich blood into the

placenta, which increases the likelihood that a newborn will be "small for gestational age," the researchers said.

Growth-restricted babies born to women who used methamphetamine during pregnancy weighed less than five pounds. The long-term effects of this growth restriction include greater risk for type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome, a group of heart attack risk factors such as obesity and high blood pressure.

Children who are born underweight also tend to have learning difficulties and behavior problems, such as short attention span and hyperactivity, the researchers said. They plan to track the infants in the study to assess the long-term effects of methamphetamine use during pregnancy.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Center for Research Resources funded the work.

The findings were published in the September issue of *Pediatrics*. Article reprinted from www.healthfinder.gov.

Dr. Barry Lester, a researcher on the study, is a keynote speaker at the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita on November 7-9, 2006.

Dr. Lester's session, "Substance Use During Pregnancy: Time for Policy to Catch-up with Research," will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 9. For more information or to register, visit http://www.kcsl.org/training_conference.html.

2006 DEC Conference Draws Large Audience

The 2nd Annual Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference was held August 23rd. Over 270 participants attended the event held at the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita.

U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren provided opening comments at the event. During his remarks, Mr. Melgren presented KMPP State Coordinator Cristi Cain with a plaque honoring her for her commitment to the children of Kansas and leadership of the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

Jerry Moe, National Director of Children's Programs at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, California, presented the morning session titled "Healing for Children from Addicted Families". Through humor and poignant stories, Mr. Moe expressed the critical need to provide treatment to children living in homes where parents are abusing alcohol or other drugs.

Lori Moriarty, Commander of the North Metro Drug Task Force north of Denver, Colorado, presented the afternoon session "Drug Endangered Children: Taking the Next Step". Cmdr. Moriarty spoke to participants about the necessity for agencies to overcome barriers in order to work collaboratively and assist children affected by drug use in the home.

The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children presented awards to four Kansans for

their outstanding service to Drug Endangered Children programs. For more information about the award recipients, please see the story on page 3 of the newsletter.

If you would like copies of Lori Moriarty's PowerPoint presentation or the "Bicycle" activity demonstrated by Jerry Moe, please contact Loretta Wyrick Severin at lwyrick@parstopeka.com or (785) 266-8666.

The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children wishes to acknowledge the Child Safety and Permanency Review Panel which provided funding for the conference from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Center (Children's Justice Act).

Thank you, also, to the following organizations for donating staff time and materials for this event: Shawnee Regional Prevention and

Recovery Services, Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas—Hays, Cargill Learning Center at the Sedgwick County Zoo and the Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Finally, thank you to the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children members who assisted with the conference!

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children will host a conference November 27-29, 2006 in Nashville, TN. For more information, visit www.nationaldec.org.



Youth Award

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Bailey competed in the state competition where she received Top Gold and qualified to compete in the National FCCLA STAR competition in Nashville.

On July 10th, Bailey took first place in the nation, having received three 100% votes from her judges. Her project was also submitted to the National Community Service competition for FCCLA where she received

the top award in the nation. The Sedan High School FCCLA chapter received \$1,000 for community service activities for the coming school year.

"Bailey was selected as the recipient of the Outstanding Youth Leadership Award because of her commitment and dedication to providing education about methamphetamine and her work to make her community a better place. She has demonstrated true leadership,"

Cristi Cain, State Coordinator of the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project, said during the award presentation.

At the award ceremony, Bailey was presented with a plaque and a scholarship check in the amount of \$500. Additionally, the award will hereafter be titled the LeGrand Outstanding Youth Leadership Award. Bailey's mother, Gail LeGrand, and Linda Fadely were in the audience for the award presentation.

Kansas Treatment and Youth Usage Numbers Released

Methamphetamine treatment admissions in Kansas remained steady during fiscal year 2006, according to data provided by SRS Addiction and Prevention Services.

During fiscal year 2005 and fiscal year 2006, 1,997 individuals entered state-funded drug and alcohol treatment with methamphetamine as the primary problem at admission. That data represents a 162% increase from methamphetamine treatment admissions in 1999.

Sedgwick and Shawnee

counties led the state in number of residents seeking methamphetamine treatment, with 328 residents and 258 residents, respectively.

Of concern is the number of younger people entering treatment for meth addiction. Fifty-three percent of those seeking treatment during fiscal year 2006 were 29 years of age or younger.

For more statistics regarding treatment admissions in Kansas, visit www.srskansas.org.

Kansas Communities That

Care (CTC) school survey data indicated a reduction in youth usage of methamphetamine in 2006. In 2006 the number of high school seniors reporting they have tried methamphetamine at least once in their lifetime was 5.3%, down from 5.6% in 2005.

CTC data also reflects a reduction in the number of high school seniors who report using methamphetamine in the prior 30 days, with 1.9% in 2006 versus 2.2% in 2005.

The complete survey results are available at www.ctcdata.org.

KMPP Announces Availability of E-Learning Course

The Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project has partnered with Kansas Children's Service League to develop an e-learning course about methamphetamine.

The self-paced course provides participants with information about meth and related child endangerment issues. General information to be covered includes signs someone is using meth, meth lab indicators, effects on children living in a meth environment, and safety for home visitors.

This course is self-paced with no instructor.

Course length is approximately 2 hours. Upon completion of the course, each participant will be mailed a certificate for 2.0 hours of in-service training.

The cost of the course is \$40.00. A limited number of scholarships are available for Kansas residents.

To register for the course e-mail your name, mailing address, phone number, county, e-mail address and title of course (Critical Issues of Methamphetamine) to Rachelle Rake Hernandez at rrake@kcsl.org.

Upcoming Conferences and Training Opportunities

Crank It Up! Community Meth Prevention Training

- October 24 & 25, 2006
- Topeka and Shawnee County Library, Topeka
- Visit www.ksmethpreventionproject.org to download a brochure or register online

Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

- November 7-9, 2006
- Hyatt Regency, Wichita
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National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference

- November 27-29, 2006
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Visit www.nationaldec.org for more information

Kansas Meth Summit

- November 28 & 29, 2006