

PROSECUTORS

CRAWFORD

COMPOSITION OF THE DEC TEAM

DEC Team Implementation Managers:

1. Steve Stockard, Assistant Crawford County Attorney – Prosecution
2. Steve Rosebrough, K.B.I. Special Agent, SEKDETF – Law Enforcement
3. Susan Lawrence, Child Welfare Worker - S.R.S.

The Crawford County Attorney's Office will review, prosecute, and file each of the DEC cases in the Crawford County area which are determined to demonstrate sufficient evidence for prosecution. The SEKDETF Prosecutor will be available to assist upon request. The assigned prosecutor will handle all pre-trial motions. The County Attorney's office will convene periodic meetings of the DEC team and will assist in the preparation of a countywide prosecution protocol for DEC cases. When appropriate, the County Attorney's Office will hold training for law enforcement, S.R.S., and other agencies.

The KBI, local law enforcement, and S.R.S. will exchange information regularly during DEC case investigations. All interviews will be documented and provided to team members. Photographs and videotape of the crime scene will be provided to the prosecutor.

Preparation of Reports

DEC Team members will complete their respective reports detailing both the appropriate drug charges as well as the appropriate child endangerment charges necessary for successful prosecution and CINC hearings. All reports containing spontaneous or interview statements made by victims, witnesses to the crimes, and doctors will be maintained by the respective teams.

DEC Team Debriefing

Upon completion of the investigation of the drug laboratory where children are found, DEC team members will meet when necessary and debrief each other as to the case events and evidence found at the location(s). This policy is established in order to successfully assess and improve upon the response by the DEC team. Furthermore, it is believed that this debriefing will assist team members in identifying any problems that may have existed at the time of the search warrant or intervention, which may be improved upon in future cases. We believe that this debriefing process is imperative in order to establish and improve collaborative efforts between the DEC team members and member agencies.

The Crawford County Attorney's Office agrees to take all reasonable steps to:

1. Aggressively prosecute drug-endangered children cases.

2. Provide training for the Crawford County Law Enforcement Agencies on strategies and court preparation for drug-endangered children cases.
3. Provide child victim advocacy throughout the criminal legal process.
4. Assign an Assistant County Attorney to handle drug-endangered children cases. The assigned Assistant County Attorney will be given the opportunity to develop an expertise in drug-endangered children prosecutions through training and experience. The assigned Assistant County Attorney will, when possible, respond to the scene of the most serious cases of drug-endangered children.
5. Maintain statistical data on the number of drug-endangered child cases referred by law enforcement, filed, and prosecuted, including disposition. The data will be readily accessible to the agencies listed on this agreement upon their request.
6. Attempt to recover lab costs incurred by the arresting agency, emergency medical services, and/or S.R.S. for blood and urine analysis and medical evaluations of drug-endangered children when a suspect(s) is convicted of a DEC charge.

FINNEY COUNTY

- Within twelve hours of coming into PPC, obtain a urine sample of the DEC to be sent to the KBI. Within forty-eight hours of the child coming into PPC, contact the Finney County Attorney's Office to determine if taking a hair sample is appropriate.
- If necessary, request EMS to respond and conduct a field medical assessment on the DEC; or, have DEC transported to Emergency Room of St. Catherine's Hospital.
- Obtain opinion of qualified health professional as to the likelihood of great bodily injury based on specific case.
- Exchange of information relevant to the case will proceed, as appropriate, to provide timely support to any child in need of care or criminal court action that arises.
- The County Attorney agrees to review and prosecute all appropriate cases where children are exposed to drugs and/or hazardous toxic materials involved in the clandestine manufacture of controlled substances

RENO COUNTY

The Reno County Attorney's Office agrees to take all reasonable steps to:

1. Aggressively prosecute drug-endangered children cases.
2. Provide training for the Reno County Law Enforcement Agencies on strategies and court preparation for drug-endangered children cases.
3. Provide child victim advocacy throughout the criminal legal process.
4. Assign an Assistant Reno County District Attorney to handle drug-endangered children cases. The assigned Assistant Reno County District Attorney will be given the opportunity to develop an expertise in drug-endangered children prosecutions through training and experience. The

- assigned Assistant Reno County District Attorney will, when possible, respond to the scene of the most serious cases of drug-endangered children.
5. Maintain statistical data on the number of drug-endangered child cases referred by law enforcement, filed, and prosecuted, including disposition. The date will be readily accessible to the agencies listed on this agreement upon their request.
 6. Attempt to recover lab costs incurred by the arresting agency, emergency medical services, and/or SRS for blood and urine analysis and medical evaluations of drug-endangered children when a suspect(s) is convicted of a DEC charge.

The Reno County District Attorney's office will review, prosecute, and file each of the DEC cases in the Reno County area, which are determined to demonstrate sufficient evidence for prosecution. The SEKDEF Prosecutor will be available to assist upon request. The assigned prosecutor will handle all pre-trial motions when possible depending on the demands of the judicial system on the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's office will convene periodic meetings of the first responders and will assist in the preparation of a countywide prosecution protocol for DEC cases. When appropriate, the District Attorney's Office will hold training for law enforcement, SRS, and other agencies.

HARVEY COUNTY

Exchange of Information Between Agencies

All law enforcement agencies will exchange verbal and written reports with Newton SRS as deemed necessary for assuring the safety of drug-endangered children. For law enforcement, the reports will include the Standard Offense Report and the accompanying narrative report.

Newton SRS will provide law enforcement with any information received during the course of their Family Based Assessment that will assist in criminal prosecution.

These forms will include the CFS (Children and Family Services) 1000, 1001, 1002, and the CFS 1010, which contains all narrative information.

Information gathered by Juvenile Intake and Assessment will be faxed to the Newton SRS office as soon as the documents are completed.

All interviews by all investigative agencies will be documented and provided to each other in an expedited manner.

The same reports will be provided to the Harvey County Attorney's Office.

Preparation of Reports

The law enforcement officers who investigated the criminal case, the Harvey County Drug Task Force officers who investigated the criminal case, and/or the Newton SRS workers who investigated a CINC shall provide their reports to the Harvey County Attorney for examination and determination of appropriate action. The Harvey County Attorney shall determine whether it is appropriate for filing criminal drug charges, criminal child endangerment charges, or CINC proceedings for the protection of the child. The Harvey County Attorney can determine that any of the above, all of the above, or none of the above may be appropriate, based upon his assessment of the case. The Harvey County Attorney may designate one of his assistants to handle the appropriate case filed in District Court.

The Harvey County Attorney's Office agrees to take all reasonable steps to:

1. Aggressively prosecute drug-endangered children cases.
2. Provide training for the Harvey County Law Enforcement Agencies on strategies and court preparation for drug-endangered children cases.
3. Provide child victim advocacy throughout the criminal legal process.
4. Assign a prosecutor to handle drug-endangered children cases. The assigned prosecutor will be given the opportunity to develop expertise in drug-endangered children prosecutions through training and experience. The Harvey County Attorney or his assigned prosecutor will, when requested, respond to the scene of the most serious cases of drug-endangered children.
5. Maintain statistical data on the number of drug-endangered child cases referred by law enforcement, filed, and prosecuted, including disposition. The data will be readily accessible to the agencies listed on this agreement upon their request.
6. Attempt to recover lab costs incurred by the arresting agency, emergency medical services, and/or Newton SRS for blood and urine analysis and medical evaluations of drug-endangered children when a suspect(s) is convicted of a DEC charge.

RICE COUNTY

EXCHANGE of INFORMATION BETWEEN AGENCIES:

All law enforcement agencies, within Rice County, will exchange verbal and written reports with SRS as deemed necessary for the completion of assuring the safety of drug affected children. For law enforcement, the reports will include the Standard Offense Report and the accompanying narrative report.

SRS will provide law enforcement with any information received during the course of their Family Based Assessment that will assist in criminal prosecution.

These forms will include the CFS (Children and Family Services) 1000, 1001, 1002, and the CFS, which contains all narrative information.

Information gathered by Juvenile Intake and Assessment will be faxed to the SRS office as soon as the documents are completed.

All interviews, by all agencies, will be documented and provided to each other in an expedited manner.

The same reports will be provided to the Rice County Attorney's Office.

Rice County Attorney-

The Rice County Attorney's Office agrees to take all reasonable steps to:

- Aggressively prosecute drug-endangered children cases.
- Provide training for Rice County Law Enforcement Agencies on strategies and court preparation for drug-endangered children cases.
- Provide child victim advocacy throughout the legal process.
- Maintain statistical data on the number of drug-endangered child cases referred by law enforcement, those filed, those prosecuted and include disposition. The data will be accessible to agencies involved in this protocol.

The Rice County Attorney's Office agrees to take all reasonable steps to:

1. Aggressively prosecute drug-endangered children cases.
2. Provide training for the Rice County Law Enforcement Agencies on strategies and court preparation for drug-endangered children cases.
3. Provide child victim advocacy throughout the criminal legal process.
4. Maintain statistical data on the number of drug-endangered child cases referred by law enforcement, filed, and prosecuted, including disposition. The data will be readily accessible to the agencies listed on this agreement upon their request.
5. Attempt to recover lab costs incurred by the arresting agency, emergency medical services, and/or S.R.S. for blood and urine analysis and medical evaluations of drug-endangered children when a suspect(s) is convicted of a DEC charge.

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Children will be placed in Police Protective Custody upon being located in a meth lab.

Case will be processed with Juvenile Division of the District Attorney's office before releasing the children from PPC.