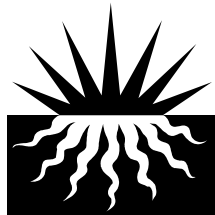


Crystal Methamphetamine's Effects on Community

Meth use increases libido leading to a dramatic increase in the sexual abuse of children.

Meth users resort to criminal activity to feed their habit. In communities that have experienced the devastation of the Meth epidemic, 85 % of all crimes are committed to feed the addiction.

Treatment for Meth addiction is so costly that it is only through the criminal justice system that most addicts are able to access help.



Concerned About Crystal Meth making inroads in your community?

1. For more information and pictures, go online to pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/meth
2. Share the Frontline show with your children.
3. Educate other parents.
4. Make sure local schools and police are providing prevention education about Meth.
5. Contact your state and federal representatives about your concerns.
6. Give this brochure to others.

For Information

Call HopeWorks at
(860) 561-1175, ext. 0
or email us at
hopeworks@snet.net.



Contributions to HopeWorks

We rely on the generosity of people like you in order to continue offering our services. **All contributions** are very gratefully accepted.

HopeWorks is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Facts About Crystal Meth

*There is nothing "recreational"
about this drug*

HopeWorks inc.

90 North Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107
(860) 561-1175
Email: hopeworks@snet.net
www.hopeworkscentral.org



*Providing hope and help to
young people and their
families through counseling
and education*



What is Crystal Meth?

Moving across the United States is a plague-like drug: Crystal Methamphetamine. To avoid Meth taking hold of more lives, we need to become more knowledgeable and proactive with our children and within our communities.



Crystal meth is created within home based labs of ephedrine or pseudo ephedrine which is sold in over-the-counter cold medication. These easily available ingredients could be regulated by Congress. Once discovered, Meth lab houses have to be burned to the ground because the chemical ingredients seep into the walls and floors creating a truly toxic environment. Imagine what it does to the children who live there.

Physical Effects of Use

- ✗ Increased heart rate
- ✗ Intravenous use and unsafe sexual practice spread diseases such as Hepatitis B or C and HIV/AIDS.
- ✗ Liver damage
- ✗ Convulsions
- ✗ Increased sex drive coupled with diminished judgment
- ✗ Disfigured facial appearance
- ✗ Rotted teeth
- ✗ Extreme rise in body temperature
- ✗ Stroke
- ✗ Death

Symptoms of Use

- ✦ Despair when not high
- ✦ Haggard Appearance:
Acne appears, sores from picking at one's face due to the hallucinations that there are bugs on one's face. Skin loses its luster and elasticity, making the user appear years, even decades older.



- ✦ Meth Mouth:
"Meth mouth" is a name for the rotted teeth caused by the drying out of salivary glands, allowing the mouth's acids to eat away at the tooth enamel. Teeth are further damaged when users obsessively grind them and binge on sugary foods.
- ✦ Sex and Meth:
Meth heightens the libido and impairs judgment, which can lead to risky sexual behavior, prostitution and unsafe sex practices.