

Supporting Agencies



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There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.

- Graham Green

Wisconsin Drug Endangered Children Program



Protected by the Angels Among Us



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Several Wisconsin counties have already initiated DEC programs and can serve as models to other counties and communities.

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

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Being a parent is a hard job.

Being a parent while on

drugs is impossible.

What is the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program?

A DEC program is a multidisciplinary approach to protecting children found in dangerous drug environments. DEC programs develop response teams that include law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, health officials and medical personnel. In your community, a DEC program can develop strategies to intervene on the behalf of children affected by their parents' use, manufacture, or trafficking of drugs.

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Children found in meth labs or drug endangered environments are at greater risk for physical, emotional and developmental harm. A child in a meth lab may experience severe neglect, physical or sexual abuse, in addition to the physical effects of exposure to the chemicals used to manufacture meth. These children frequently suffer from respiratory conditions, are malnourished and experience developmental delays. A DEC program will help protect, rescue, support and shelter high-risk children in your community from these devastating effects.

How can the Wisconsin DEC program help you?

Wisconsin is currently developing a statewide DEC program. The Wisconsin Department of Justice will serve as a liaison to counties or communities who need support or wish to develop their own DEC program. The Statewide program provides the following assistance and support:

- Drug Endangered Video Project: video production to introduce the State of Wisconsin DEC program.
- DEC posters, billboards and information pamphlets for distribution throughout the state of Wisconsin.
- Backpack Program: backpacks will be provided for children who are removed from drug endangered home situations. Backpacks will contain basic essentials and a gift certificate from a department/discount store in the area of social service placement. These gift certificates will be used to purchase necessary emergency clothing and other essential personal items.
- A limited number of scholarships to cover tuition expenses for DEC training opportunities.
- The Wisconsin Department of Justice will provide coordination and assistance in developing a Wisconsin DEC website, centralizing reporting, centralized information center and updated training to include an annual DEC conference.

How do I spot a drug endangered environment in my neighborhood?

Some possible indicators:

- Strong chemical smells or unusual odors
- Unusual amounts of activity at all times of the day or night
- Paranoid, unusual or secretive behaviors
- Unusual trash, such as containers of automotive fuel additives, camping fuel, starter fluid containers, drain cleaners or red stained coffee filters
- Children unattended or neglected
- Children regularly in dirty clothes
- Unreported fires
- Blackened out or covered windows
- Placement of garbage in another neighbor's collection area

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Do not confront your neighbor if you suspect illegal activity. Please contact your local law enforcement agency, call 1-800-NAB-DRUG (1-800-622-3784), or call 9-1-1.

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

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

Meth Awareness and Prevention Project - South Dakota:
<http://www.mapps.org/dec.htm>

DEC—Riverside County, California:
<http://dec.co.riverside.ca.us/>

Arizona Drug Endangered Children Program
<http://www.ag.state.az.us/DEC/index.html>

Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
<http://www.colodec.org/>