

Eliminating Meth and Meth Labs

The bad news is that methamphetamine is a synthetic drug that can easily be made in local “meth labs” run by addicts, and in “super labs” run by drug trafficking organizations.



Meth labs are extremely dangerous, often explode or catch fire, and toxify property, the environment, and drug endangered children.

The good news is that, unlike most drugs of addiction, the supply of meth can be controlled because there is a key ingredient necessary to make meth: Pseudoephedrine.

The Initiative has been a leader in crafting and promoting state, federal, and international controls on that key ingredient.



The results have been dramatic: The near elimination of meth labs in Oregon.

The Government of Mexico followed Oregon’s lead and, in 2008, went even further by completely banning pseudoephedrine.



The positive benefits can be measured in lives and families saved.

Unfortunately, in 2009, most of the rest of the United States is now suffering from a resurgence of meth and meth labs.

Oregon and Mexico are therefore being looked at as models by other states and nations.

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The banner above was created in 2007 by students at Siletz Valley School as part of the Methamphetamine Awareness Project (MAP)



The Meth Initiative

First introduced in 2000, the goal of the Initiative is to develop a full range of science-based prevention, enforcement, and treatment services in Lincoln County, for the purpose of breaking the cycle of addiction and saving lives and families.

PREVENTION

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” – Benjamin Franklin

In 2004, the Initiative started the Lincoln County Youth Film Program, which combines education with the art of film-making. The Program is a collaboration between Lincoln County, the Lincoln County School District, and the Northwest Film Center.

Each year, students at local schools write, produce, and direct broadcast quality television commercials, short films, and other public service announcements. Projects have included the Methamphetamine Awareness Project (MAP), the Underage Drinking Awareness Project (UDAP), and the Drug Awareness Project (DAP).



Some of the award-winning student products have been shown on Oregon television stations, as well as in other states, Canada, and Italy. One was even featured on ABC World News Tonight.

Participating schools have included Career Tech High School, Eddyville Charter School, Newport High School, Siletz Valley School, Taft Middle and High Schools, Toledo Middle and High Schools, and Waldport High School.

Students at the Siletz Valley School also produced the “No Meth Not Here” banner used as the logo for the Lincoln County Meth Initiative (featured on the front of this brochure).

ENFORCEMENT

A critical part of the Initiative has been to ensure necessary support for the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT). LINT provides Lincoln County with the essential enforcement leg of the three-legged stool.

Strong support from the community and from our law enforcement leaders have helped to keep LINT operating during even the most severe budget shortages.



The Initiative provides LINT with needed training, equipment, and administrative support.

TREATMENT

There are many myths about meth. One myth is that treatment doesn't work for meth addicts. That is simply not true. Treatment works! But, in some cases, it may take longer. Unfortunately, Lincoln County does not have nearly enough treatment and recovery support resources.

Therefore, the Initiative brought innovative and effective programs to Lincoln County that provide accountability, treatment, and recovery support.



For example, the Lincoln County Drug Court, begun in 2006, is a problem solving court that uses an evidence-based approach to successfully break the cycle of addiction and thereby reduce crime and save lives and families.

DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN

The Initiative also created the Lincoln County Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program.

DEC is a multi-agency approach to assist and protect children whose lives, health, and safety are jeopardized by drug abuse in the family home.

DEC services provided by the Initiative include:

- Forensic interviews, medical assessments, and counseling through the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center.
- Replacement clothing and personal affects through State and Tribal child welfare.