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## ***DIRECTORS CORNER***

Good Morning,

We are closing in on the end of June, and it seems that summer is just flying past us. I hope everyone will be able to take some vacation, or at least some time to just disengage. It's good to do that from time to time, just to keep our sanity.

I am going to devote the Director's Corner this month focusing on what we are calling our "Drill Down Strategy." We unveiled this strategy at the Spring Conference back in April, but many who are reading this were not able to attend, and some who did attend left the conference still unclear as to what "drill down" really meant. So, I wanted to quickly define the concept, then briefly list some of the activities we are involved in which are designed to implement that strategy.



I like to think of society, the world we live in, as being constructed in layers. We spend much of our time in the "Social Living" layer where we go to school, work, recreate and do other social-type activities. The layer just beneath is the "Private" or "Causation" layer. This is where the home is. This is the place where parenting and early and later childhood development takes place. What goes on in this layer will determine greatly who a person will grow up to be. The layer just above the "Social Living" layer is the "Symptomatic" layer, where gang activity rears its ugly head, and where criminal activity takes place. This is where mental and behavioral health episodes will play out, and chronic substance abuse is no longer tolerated.

By necessity, most activity performed by our criminal and juvenile justice system, mental and behavioral health providers, health care professionals and social service workers is relegated to this "Symptomatic" layer. This is where habits and behaviors manifest themselves in activities such as Domestic Violence, DWI, alcohol and other substance abuse, violent crime, other criminal behaviors, personal indiscretions, indecent behaviors, or perhaps gang violence. These are symptoms of much deeper problems, the roots of which lay much deeper in society. While some prevention work needs to focus on these symptoms at this level, I believe that truly effective prevention needs to "drill down" or target a deeper level of society.

While we, here at Safe Communities, actively support our suppression, intervention and treatment partners, as well as the prevention activities taking place at the symptom level, we are focusing our efforts to reach down into the "Causation" layer, or get as close to the homes and families as possible. We are partnering with existing providers who can provide outreach services directly to the neighborhoods with highest needs. We are looking for gaps in services and taking it upon ourselves to fill those gaps with new and innovative projects and programming. While Safe Communities was created to address methamphetamine use and street gang membership, our belief is that if we can impact the root causes of the symptoms, it will drastically reduce the appearance of a whole broad range of symptoms across the board, including meth and gangs.

We have statistically identified areas within our county which demonstrate higher calls for service from law enforcement, schools and social services. From this analysis, the nine southern neighborhoods in Farmington displayed the area of greatest need. Right now, we are focused on this area to try and establish projects and programming that we can use in other problem areas around the county.

As most everyone is aware, we worked with the City of Farmington to develop a new community center in the heart of these neighborhoods at Sycamore Park. We continue to get programs which these neighborhood residents want and need into the community center environment. We are focused on programming such as parenting, GED, life skills, financial literacy, home buyer education, adult and child literacy, English as a second language and parents as teachers. We have developed strategic partners such as San Juan College, Farmington Municipal Schools, Big Brothers Big Sisters, ENLACE,

Echo Hope, the City of Farmington, San Juan County, the Farmington Police Department, the San Juan County Sheriff's Office, and the Journey Church. We have community volunteers who are partnering with our efforts to do such things as parent and grandparent support groups.

Our office is working on the creation of a gang intervention system, which is a network of resources that can be used to modify the behaviors of existing gang members, and prevent that gang mentality from being perpetuated in the homes and on the streets.

We put in for a federal grant to service this area called the Weed and Seed program. In conjunction with this effort, we conducted a neighborhood needs assessment expressly to find out what the residents felt they needed in terms of resources. Although it will be another month or two before we hear if we are successful in obtaining this grant, we continue to move toward implementing the goals of the grant to clean up then seed the area with positive things for the neighborhood residents.

I am hoping that puts some degree of clarity to our strategy, but if there are questions, please give me a call or drop me a line.

I wish everyone a safe and happy fourth of July. I want to take a moment to thank all those who served over the years to give us the freedom we celebrate on this day, and those who are currently fighting to keep our Nation free. I hope you all will do the same. Until next month, take care,

Dan Darnell

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### UmattR Nomination & Sponsorship

#### **UmattR Trading Card Program**

I know that most of you are aware of the UmattR Trading card program, as this is the third year we will be doing it here in San Juan County, but we would like to share a bit about the program for those who may be unfamiliar with it.

Please note that the sponsorship options have changed to offer more opportunities for sponsorship at a lower cost for more businesses and organizations. We are actively looking for sponsors so we can continue to offer this wonderfully successful program.

The program promotes 12 High School Seniors with diverse interests who are committed to living drug, alcohol and tobacco free to serve as mentors for children and are committed to sharing their positive message within our community. Their interests may be sports, FFA, photography, music, chess, computers, or any other positive interest.

They are each featured on their own trading card, which they take to area elementary schools and community events to sign for younger students. They discuss their choices and hope to help these children see that it is

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**For All Community Events, Visit:**

[San Juan Safe Communities Calendar](#)

**June 27, beginning at 5pm**

Father Son Campout  
Sycamore Park  
Tickets \$3, must be purchased in advance  
For more information:  
(505) 566-2480

**June 27, 9am**

Shiprock Graffiti Cleanup Day  
Starting at Shiprock Boys and Girls Club  
For More Information Call  
(505)368-1300

**June 30, 8:30am-5pm**

"Focus on Youth" Conference  
Shiprock High School  
[Click for more information](#)

**July 2**

23rd Annual Freedom Days Celebration  
[www.farmingtonnm.org](http://www.farmingtonnm.org)

**July 18, 9am-4pm**

Free First Time Homebuyers  
Education Class  
Sycamore Park Community Center  
1051 Sycamore Street, Farmington  
To register call:  
ECHO HOPE 505-325-7466

### Safe Communities Spotlight

In addition to the things we are involved with in the Weed and Seed area, our office continues to work on many other things throughout the rest of the county. We will be highlighting these in some detail if future editions of our newsletter, but I want to mention some of them here so everyone is aware of the things we are involved with.

We will be conducting a neighborhood needs assessment in the Bloomfield area in the

possible to be "cool" and still make the right decisions in life.

They are required to attend at least 15 events throughout the school year. After the younger students have collected all 12 cards and have them signed they may then enter a drawing to win prizes at the end of the school year.

The program is designed to promote real world role models for children. Candidates for the program will be asked to sign a contract to remain drug, tobacco, alcohol and legal trouble free for their senior year, and is subject to random drug testing. At the end of the program year, each senior will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

You can find additional information about the UmattR Program and Sponsorship Opportunities at [www.umattr.com](http://www.umattr.com).

## SUPPRESSION

### **The Media, the Public, and the Law Enforcement Community: Correcting Misperceptions**

The law enforcement profession has always been a tough business. Over the course of a career, law enforcement officers see the best and the worst in humanity. They may be thanked for what they do and then be spit upon not an hour later. Sometimes this leaves officers confused as to how the public they serve feels about them-and consequently, how they feel about the public.

Law enforcement officers often wear Kevlar vests to protect themselves from lawbreakers' bullets. Over the years, officers also tend to develop an emotional "Kevlar exterior" to protect themselves from the negative things they see and feel.

In spite of well-developed emotional armor, it is sometimes impossible not to let some of this negativity slip inside and bring an officer down. But there are ways to cope. In Montana, for example, a partnership has been established between university-based researchers and the Montana Highway Patrol to help those who pledge a life of continuously positive service through the badge.

The formation of this partnership followed a legislative session in 2005, in which a task force was established to bring about change in Montana's impaired-driving statutes. As the work of the group progressed, both law enforcement personnel and academics who were participating realized that they had much to contribute through the shared aspects of their respective disciplines.

One important revelation resulting from the work of the task force was that laws and those who enforce them enjoy enormous support from the public. This countered the perceptions of some participants, who had seen the worst in people over many years-people who did not support the mission and the actions of modern law enforcement agencies. The partnership formed when officers and researchers decided to take a closer look at this discrepancy.

next few months, which will help us determine our future efforts in those neighborhoods identified; We are working to get some supportive housing for the clients coming out of the in-patient phase of alcohol and meth treatment; We are putting together a group to begin to identify what data our community needs, where it is located and how we can have systematic access to it; We are working on implementing a series of training programs designed to work with lower socio-economic neighborhoods and families in those neighborhoods.

These programs include Bridges out of Poverty, Getting Ahead, Circles and R-Rules. We will be learning about, training in, and implementing these four programs over the next three to six months; and, we continue to work on developing our evaluative skills and are focusing on an evaluation component to determine the effectiveness of the programming we support as well as the overall effectiveness of our Safe Communities organization.

The partnership between the Partnership for a Drug Free America and our office to present the Meth360 program continues. We are still looking for venues to present to, so please keep us in mind. We have presentations targeting the community at large, parents, teachers and churches.

We are working with the [Dine' Ba' Hozho](#) coalition out of Shiprock to administer the Drug Free Communities grant within the Shiprock Area. We have highlighted some of these efforts under the community coalitions section in this edition of our newsletter.

And, we are putting together this year's [UmattR Trading Card Program](#), which we also are highlighting in this edition. Our main push right now is to come up with sponsors so we can move forward with this program.

If you have questions about anything we are doing, or if you would like to be a part of anything we have going, please feel free to call our office.

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## PREVENTION

### [School-Based Prevention Cuts Drug Use, Violence, NIDA Says](#)

Fifth-grade students who took part in comprehensive, interactive school-based prevention programs starting as early as first grade were half as likely as their peers to use alcohol or other drugs, act out violently, or engage in sexual activity, according to a new study from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

"This study provides compelling evidence that intervening with young children is a promising approach to preventing drug use and other problem behaviors," said NIDA Director Nora Volkow. "The fact that an intervention beginning in the first grade produced a

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### Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW that it was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

## COMMUNITY COALITION NEWS

### MOST OF US® - STEADY PROGRESS

Submitted by Laura McClenny

The staff at San Juan County Partnership want to continue updating readers about our prevention initiative, Positive Community Norms (PCN) and Most of Us®, which is a trademark of Montana State University and the Montana Institute. The foundation of Spirit, Science & Action (specifically, in that order) continues to guide our work.

[Read More](#)

## SUPPRESSION

### Meth 360 Presentations

San Juan Safe Communities Initiative has 20 minute to 1.5 hour presentations which target parents, teachers, churches, and the community at large, so if you are a member of any group which would like to have us present to, please give us a call at 599-1492 or email us at [info@sjsici.org](mailto:info@sjsici.org).

### Interdiction Works!

As evidenced by these photos of various drug seizures across the I-25 and the I-40 corridors, as well as from the Lordsburg and Deming areas. Compliments of the New Mexico Motor Transportation Police Division, DPS.



significant effect on children's behavior in the fifth grade strengthens the case for initiating prevention programs in elementary school, before most children have begun to engage in problem behaviors."

Researchers led by Brian Flay of Oregon State University studied students at 20 public elementary schools in Hawaii who had participated daily in Positive Action (PA), a comprehensive K-12 program focusing on social and emotional development. Students who had received the PA lessons the longest had the least amount of problem behaviors, the study found.

The authors will next look at whether the PA program had lasting effects on older students.

The study was published online ahead of print June 18, 2009 in the [American Journal of Public Health](#).

### Humor

### Definite Signs We Are In A Recession

## FAMILY WELLNESS, PARENTING, MENTORING

### From Ron Price, Executive Director, Four Corners Coalition for Marriage & Family:

Take a moment and think about a couple you know who got divorced. Not just an average couple, but one you thought had their marriage all together and its breakup threw you for a loop. Now think about the impact the divorce had on the children involved and how their worlds were totally blown apart.

This is not intended to make anyone feel guilty in any way, but it is intended to get folks to stop and consider the ramifications and consequences of divorce, and hopefully make a better decision.

In 2004 some local folks started the San Juan County Community Marriage Initiative. We hosted an event with nationally known marriage encouragers, Mike and Harriet McManus. We got the mayors and city councils of Aztec, Bloomfield and Farmington, along with the president of the Navajo Nation to declare the day of the event as marriage appreciation day. We had 30+ pastors sign a proclamation stating their intention to only marry couples who had completed a four month marriage preparation course. In 2005 and 2006 we hosted an event at the Farmington Civic Center called Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage. Each was a tremendous success. We then hosted Joe Beam with his Love, Sex and Marriage seminar.

These events were intended to be booster shots to help maintain the health of marriages and to help marriages which were off track to get going in a better direction.

In 2008 we realized that we were continually reaching the same group of mostly

See all photos [Here](#).

### Humor

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!'

After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'



## NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES OF INTEREST

#### The Meth Project News:

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Hawaii Meth Project - the seventh state adopting the Meth Project model. Hawaii currently ranks #5 for Meth use for those 12 and older and costs Hawaii an estimated \$500 million each year in crime, lost productivity, treatment, healthcare, and foster care services.

The Hawaii Meth Project concurrently announced the results of the 2009 Hawaii Meth Use & Attitudes Survey, which revealed many of the state's young people have easy access to methamphetamine, believe the drug poses little to no risk, and offers a host of benefits including weight loss and increase in energy.

Please visit the Hawaii Meth Project website at [www.hawaiimethproject.org](http://www.hawaiimethproject.org) for more details.

Across the continent in Wyoming-The Wyoming Meth Project launched the second Wave of advertising this week. Wyoming ranks #1 in the nation for Meth use by people 12 and older and was the fifth state to implement the Meth Project model one year ago. The second Wave of the campaign includes four new television commercials, five new radio spots, and three new print ads, all complemented by the Project's ongoing community outreach programs. Learn more about the program at [www.wyomingmethproject.org](http://www.wyomingmethproject.org).

The Denver Post, KUSA-TV, and Examiner.com are just a few of the media outlets that provided wonderful news coverage of the Colorado Meth Project launch on May 7th. To view complete media coverage of the Colorado launch, please click here <http://www.coloradomethproject.org>.

Thanks for your interest and ongoing support,

church folks and that to truly impact marriages in our area we had to take a different approach. We then formed a not-for-profit entity entitled the Four Corners Coalition for Marriage and Family, Inc. We obtained our 501c3 designation and we are now committed to help folks realize that marriage can be a wonderful experience if it is done right and a horrible experience if done wrong.

We believe that many, if not most, marriages fail simply because the parties are ill equipped to deal with the many issues which all marriages will face.

We are currently holding monthly classes which teach people the skills necessary to navigate through marriage's occasional storms and to keep the anticipated joy and happiness more present. The class is called "The Couple Checkup" and is offered on four consecutive Tuesday evenings on Court Street at the old Swinburne Elementary School, now known as the CATE center. More info is available by calling the coalition phone number at 505-327-7870.

It is our contention that we as a society have made marriage far too easy to get into, and far too easy to get out of. We also believe we are all paying a price for this error in judgment and the coalition is doing what we can to strengthen marriages and families in our local area. Much more can and should be said about our efforts, but space is limited in this forum. Please feel free to call me and I'll be happy to discuss how you might get involved.

#### Father Son Campout Saturday, June 27 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Sycamore Park Community Center will host a Father Son Campout in Sycamore Park on Saturday. The event will include camping, games, food, and fun for fathers and sons. Tickets are \$3 per person and must be purchased in advance. This event will increase the bonds between fathers and their sons and create lasting memories.

For more information:  
(505) 566-2480

#### Teens more likely to start using drugs in summer

CHESTERTON - Summer vacation and unsupervised teens usually go hand in hand in the months following the last day of school. Statistics show that there is a 40 percent increase in first-time youth marijuana use during June and July compared with the rest of the year, according to Pathway Family Center, which offers substance abuse treatment for adolescents.

Where there is more freedom, there is also more temptation. Statistics show that youthful experimentation with drugs, tobacco and alcohol is most likely to occur during an unsupervised time when teens are alone or with their peers, Pathway says.

Structure and continuity are very important in teens' lives over the summer

Aruna Gambhir  
Executive Director, Meth Project  
<http://www.methproject.org>

### **Counternarcotics Plan for Southwest Border Available**

Through expanded coordination between Congress, state and local authorities, and the Government of Mexico, a comprehensive "[National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy](#)" (NCJ 226790, 77 pp.) has been released. This strategy focuses on stemming the inbound flow of illegal drugs from Mexico and addresses the role of the outbound flow of illegal cash and weapons in sustaining drug cartels. (ONDCP)

### **Publication Describes Impact of Children's Exposure to Violence**

"[Healing the Invisible Wounds: Children's Exposure to Violence](#)" helps parents and other caregivers understand the potential impact of exposure to violence on the development of their children. The guide provides practical and age-specific recommendations for supporting the healing process. (OJJDP)

### **Drug Czar Repudiates Legalization**

Drug legalization "is not a part of the president's vocabulary under any circumstances and it's not a part of mine," said Obama administration drug czar Gil Kerlikowske in a recent interview, [Reuters](#) reported June 5.

However, Kerlikowske said the federal government should spend less time and money pursuing nonviolent drug offenders ("We need to devote those finite resources toward those people who are the most dangerous to the community," he said) and invest more in demand reduction, especially addiction treatment for prisoners.

"It's clear that if they go to prison and they have a drug problem and you don't treat it and they return ... to the same neighborhood from whence they came that you are going to have the same problem," Kerlikowske said in an interview with Reuters. "Quite frankly people in neighborhoods, police officers, et cetera, are tired of recycling the problem. Let's try and fix it."

Kerlikowske repeated his call for ending use of the term 'war on drugs' and said he will seek a more balanced approach to addressing the nation's drug problem.

### **In both the U.S. and Mexico, we must advance not retreat from strategic government goals regarding drug addiction and drug-related crime**

"More drug rehabilitation and broader drug prevention, not less, is needed if we intend long-term reduction in drugs and crime along our border," says Clark Carr, president of Narconon International, a network of over 150 drug rehab and education centers. "The ONDCP, the UNODC, the European Monitoring Centre for

months. As a parent, you must try and create a different kind of routine, Pathway says. Encourage your child to continue his/her after-school activities. Insist on a summertime curfew. Get to know your child's friends and families. Plan summer activities the entire family can enjoy together.

Most importantly, continue to drug test regularly during these essential months; give your child the ability to say "NO" to drugs and alcohol.

If you feel your teen might be experimenting, contact Pathway Family Center's 24-Hour Parent Help Line at (800) 261-4605, the Northwest Indiana Center at (219) 926-2583 or learn more about the organization at [www.pathwayfamilycenter.org](http://www.pathwayfamilycenter.org).

### **From Parents, The Anti-Drug website:**

Follow these steps to help monitor your teens when they are away from home:

1. Have your kids check in. Emphasize the importance of calling or texting throughout the day to know their whereabouts.
2. Address peer pressure. Have regular conversations on how to overcome peer pressure and reinforce what's acceptable and what's not.
3. Be firm. Enforce rules and consequences pertaining to curfew and drug and alcohol abuse.

[Read Expert Advice on Setting Limits for Your Teen](#)

### **Teen Driving Facts**

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds.<sup>1</sup> Drugs, alcohol, and driver distractions increase teens' crash risks. As teens take to the roads, parents can take action by talking about the dangers of drunk, drugged, and distracted driving. Teens are at risk-both from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and from riding with drivers who are under the influence.

Thirteen percent of high school seniors reported driving under the influence of marijuana in the prior two weeks, a number nearly equivalent to those who reported driving under the influence of alcohol (14%),<sup>2</sup> despite higher prevalence of alcohol consumption among teens.<sup>3</sup>

High school students are more likely to drink, smoke cigarettes, and smoke marijuana after earning their driver's license.<sup>4</sup>

In a comprehensive study on unsafe driving by high school students, 30 percent of seniors reported driving after drinking heavily or using drugs, or riding in a car whose driver had been drinking heavily or using drugs, at least once in the prior two weeks.<sup>5</sup>

Next to marijuana, prescription drugs are the most commonly abused illicit drug by teens.<sup>6</sup> The most commonly abused prescription drugs act on systems in the brain

Drugs and Drug Addiction, in fact, governments everywhere agree that reducing drug demand must parallel military and police interdiction. That includes turning drug addicts' lives around."

[Read the full article](#)

## Research and Resources

### 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

The source for national statistics on the prevalence, incidence, and correlates of alcohol and drug use. View report of the study results.

### [2007 National Survey on Substance Abuse Treatment Services \(N-SSATS\)](#)

A survey of all known substance abuse treatment facilities, both public and private. [View annual report of N-SSATS findings.](#)

### [2007 Monitoring the Future \(MTF\)](#)

A survey quantifying the direction and rate of change occurring over time regarding relationships and trends among youth in school. View report of key findings. (971 KB)

### Dad's Drinking Predicts Teen Imbibing, Study Finds

Living with an alcoholic father dramatically increases the risk of binge drinking among teenagers, according to new research from the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#).

Researchers said that more than 10 percent of 12- to 17-year-old children of alcoholics engaged in binge drinking or other abusive alcohol use within the past year, compared to 4.7 percent of children with fathers who drank moderately and 3 percent among teens whose dads didn't drink at all.

SAMHSA acting administrator Eric Broderick said the findings showed the need to "educate fathers, mothers and other role models about the profound impact their drinking behavior can have on their children."

The study found that 39 percent of teenage children of alcoholic fathers drank alcohol within the past year, researchers also found, and about 24 percent said they had used illicit drugs. Past-year drinking was reported by 21 percent of adolescents whose fathers abstained from alcohol use and one-third of children of moderate drinkers.

Sixty-eight percent of fathers living with adolescents drank alcohol; 7.9 percent met the clinical definition of having an alcohol disorder.

The full report, based on data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, is available online at the SAMHSA website.

### Drug Use Widespread Among Arrestees, ONDCP Says

An annual study of newly arrested offenders finds that up to 87 percent of men accused of crimes tested positive for the presence of illicit drugs, according to the [White House Office of](#)

that can lead to impaired driving ability, making them harmful to young drivers when abused and mixed with alcohol or other illicit drugs.<sup>7</sup>

### Parents are the most important influence on their teen when it comes to risky behaviors, including substance abuse and driving.

Despite what most parents think, teens value their advice. More than half of teens of all ages (57%) say that family, rather than friends or school, is the most important thing in their lives right now.<sup>11</sup>

Teens who report having conversations with their parents about alcohol and drug use are more likely to stay drug-free, compared to teens who do not talk about substance abuse with their parents.<sup>12</sup>

Teens whose parents enforce penalties for driving law infractions are more likely than teens whose parents do not enforce penalties to wear their safety belts (89% vs. 74%); require their passengers to buckle up (82% vs. 64%); obey stop signs (91% vs. 60%); and use turn signals (89% vs. 76%).<sup>13</sup>

### Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW that what bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common, is that they were all invented by women.

## Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

### Shiprock Graffiti clean up day

The next graffiti clean-up day in Shiprock will be this Saturday, June 27, 2009, starting at 9 AM at the Shiprock Boys & Girls Club. Please help with your families and friends, share the info and invite others to come out and help with graffiti clean-up. Contact Criminal Investigations for more info at (505) 368-1300.

### National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, Minium Park, Aztec, from 5-7pm.

National Night Out is designed to: Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

<http://nationalnightout.org/nno/>

### [Drug-Free Schools' Conference Scheduled for August](#)

### [National Drug Control Policy \(ONDCP\).](#)

The 2008 Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program (ADAM II), which includes data on male arrestees booked for offenses in 10 major metropolitan areas, found that positive drug test rates ranged from 49 percent in Washington, D.C., to 87 percent in Chicago.

Marijuana, cocaine, opiates and methamphetamine were the most common illicit drugs detected, with polydrug-use rates ranging from 15 percent in Atlanta to 40 percent in Chicago.

Offenders were not tested for alcohol use, the drug most commonly associated with crime. Traces of alcohol remains in the system for a limited period of time, whereas drug testing can detect traces of drugs like marijuana weeks or even months after use.

The report found significant geographic differences in illicit-drug prevalence: for example, 41 percent of arrestees in Chicago tested positive for cocaine, compared to just 17 percent in Sacramento. And while less than one percent of arrestees in the eastern U.S. tested positive for methamphetamine, 35 percent of those booked on criminal charges in Sacramento had meth in their system, as did 15 percent of arrestees in Portland, Ore.

The ADAM II report also found that more than 80 percent of arrestees who reported illicit drug use within the past year had been arrested previously....

"Not only does this new report reaffirm the strong link between drug use and crime, but it also tells us that we must concentrate our resources on programs that have been proven to break the cycle of drugs and crime," said ONDCP Director Gil Kerlikowske.

### [New Report Says Substance Abuse Costs Governments Nearly \\$500 Billion](#)

The detrimental effects and consequences of substance abuse and addiction cost federal, state and local governments at least \$467.7 billion in 2005, according to Shoveling Up II: The Impact of Substance Abuse on Federal, State and Local Budgets, a new report released today by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University. Despite this, only 1.9 percent of federal and state spending went to prevention and treatment.

[Read more...](#)

### [2009 Colorado Meth Use & Attitudes Survey - May 2009](#)

A statewide survey measuring attitudes and behaviors toward methamphetamine in Colorado.

### [The Economic Cost of Methamphetamine Use in the United States](#)

RAND Corporation Study Estimates Meth Abuse Costs the U.S. \$23.4 Billion

On August 3-5, 2009, the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools will hold its 2009 national conference in National Harbor, Maryland. The conference will address issues related to civic and character education, crisis planning, mental and physical health, substance abuse, and violence prevention. ([OJJDP](#))

### [2nd Annual Suicide Prevention: Breaking the Silence Conference](#)

On July 22-24, 2009 at Red Rock State Park, this FREE conference will be held to help: Recognize leading risk and protective factors that affect suicide; Identify special populations at risk for suicide; Define elements of best practice (traditional, christian and western) for suicide prevention, intervention, treatment and post vention; Identify which programs works best with Native American populations; Become familiar with the Navajo Nation/NAIHS strategic plan for suicide prevention.

[Click For More Information and Registration](#)

### **2009 Sex Offender Awareness and Educational Conference**

July 22-24  
Albuquerque, NM  
[Details and Registration](#)  
[Please register before July 6th](#)

The goal of the 2009 Sex Offender Awareness and Educational Conference is not only to heighten sex offender awareness, but to generate support and participation from all surrounding communities as well as to train and educate all law enforcement agencies on the growing population of sex offenders in our communities within the state of New Mexico.

## *GRANT WRITING*

For full list of grant resources, go to:

### [San Juan Safe Communities Grant Funding](#)

### [Download the June-August 2009 Grant Funding Calendar](#)

### [Victim Assistance Professional Development Fellowship Program](#)

-Deadline: July 9, 2009  
-Award Range: \$80,000 - \$125,000  
-Eligible Applicants: Applicants are limited to individuals; organizations are not eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a specific ability and strong desire to support the technical assistance, training and other educational needs of providers who respond to crime victims.

### **Funding Available**

Partnerships between researchers and practitioners: Building and enhancing them. NIJ is interested in funding multiple projects that support researcher-practitioner partnerships as well as capturing, in detail, relevant accounts of previous and current criminal justice researcher-practitioner collaborations.



Deadline: July 20.

[Read the full solicitation.](#)

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