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DIRECTORS CORNER

Hello Safe Communities members and friends,

I hope your May has been very productive for all. I want to personally thank all those who helped us make our [Spring Conference, 2010](#), a success. For those who may have missed it, we combined our conference with the Farmington Public Library's Dia de Los Libros tailgate party, the San Juan College/Enlace Cinco de Mayo celebration and a New Mexico Youth Summit. My many thanks to all those who partnered together to make the whole thing work, including the Library staff, San Juan College, Enlace, the Farmington Boy's and Girl's Club, and the NM Forum for Youth. What a great community, and a great State we live in.



Last week, Donal Key and Minerva Simon, with the Farmington Municipal School District and I attended the Bridges Out Of Poverty certification training, hosted by Aha! Process in Albuquerque. Their attendance is yet another example of how the school system has grasped the idea that if the community is doing positive things in the neighborhoods where their students live, it can benefit the district's mission. Our job as certified instructors will be two fold; to teach others the Bridges constructs, and to work with employers, service providers, and community groups to spread the message that we can use these constructs to create a more sustainable community by concentrating on helping people in resource poor neighborhoods achieve a higher standard of living. One of our goals is to create a seamless integration between the experiences of the children and parents in our neighborhoods and what they experience in our schools. The long term strategy is to create a more sustainable community by reducing our overall crime rate, dependence on substances, gang membership, the instances of juvenile delinquency including truancy, the dropout rate, teenage pregnancies and the strain on our social services systems. We also are looking to positively impact the learning experience in our schools, help improve the available workforce, increase our tax base, and increase the number of people who can afford to own homes. Obviously this will not happen overnight, as the road to building more sustainable communities is a generational process, but the steps we are taking now is building a firm base from which positive community change can occur.

We intend on using our Bridges work in conjunction with the rest of our "Drill Down" prevention efforts to continue our work in the south Farmington neighborhoods and take the lessons we have learned to expand out on to Crouch Mesa and beyond. One of the funding mechanisms we are wanting to utilize is the

Promise Neighborhoods grant, designed to help integrate our work in the neighborhoods with what is happening in our schools. It is a planning grant and I will keep everyone posted as to our success. We will also be making a special effort to present our ideas to local business and corporate partners in an effort to generate local support.

We are continuing to discuss the early childhood development needs of San Juan County with the Kellogg's Foundation, specifically, how we can expand services out into the neighborhoods where resources are lacking. I will keep everyone in the loop as to our progress on this front as well.

Changing gears, I would like for all our readers to please pay special attention to the article we have under the "Suppression" section of this newsletter entitled, Mexico, a "Failed State?" This article really spells out the real challenges our nation faces in dealing with the drug supply coming out of Mexico, and indeed the entire issue of "immigration." It is a great read, so please take the time.

As most of you already know, due solely to the economic situation we find ourselves in, we had to reduce our staff by one position. I would like to take this time to thank Wilann Thomas for her dedication and unselfish service to me, Safe Communities and to our community. I would hope everyone else who knows Wilann would also thank her for her service as well. She will continue to be active as a volunteer for various projects, so we will all see her around from time to time.

I think this fairly well sums up what we have been doing, but if you have questions or comments about anything, please call our office at 505-599-1492 or by sending an email to info@sjsci.org.

Until Junes edition, take care.
Dan D.

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Safe Communities Spotlight

New Mexico Youth & Community Summit
FUELING OUR FUTURE!

Thank you for partnering with San Juan Safe Communities Initiative, New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community, the Farmington Boys & Girls Club, ENLACE with San Juan College and the Farmington Public Library on April 30 and May 1, 2010.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For All Community Events, Visit:

[San Juan Safe Communities Calendar](#)

[National Non-Profit Calendar of Capacity Building Training & Events](#)

Every Monday

6-8pm
ECHO Financial Education
Sycamore Park Community Center,
1051 Sycamore Street, Farmington,
NM

Every Friday

RU Reformers Unamious
7pm - 9pm
Bible Baptist Church

- The focus was to build stronger relationships between adults and youth
- Provide a voice for every segment of the population
- Consolidate efforts and work together to achieve mutual goals
- Provide a fun environment to learn and network with each other
- Partner with area teens to prevent use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and violence in our community.

The kick off event started with community dialog presented by San Juan Safe Communities Initiative.

The celebration continued outdoors at the tailgate party with El día de los niños/El día de los libros literacy celebration bringing families and early childhood providers together for some fun! There were thirty-two community booths that provided activities for 361 kids who enjoyed the afterschool breezy, cool day event. This didn't stop the Youth Alliance group that entertained with hula hoops and silly string! The event was organized by the New Mexico Afterschool Ambassador and Byron Tsabetsaye.

[Click here to read more.](#)

UmattR Trading Card Program

There are still sponsorship opportunities available for the 2009-2010 uMattR Trading Card Program. Please email info@sjsci.org.

The 2010-2011 UmattR Program is also accepting sponsors! The program is dependent upon your sponsorship! Contact The San Juan Safe Communities Initiative at info@sjsci.org for more information.

Every Saturday

2-3pm
Parent/Caregiver Support Group
Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington, Farmington NM 87401
505-860-5038

June 1-July 29, 2010

Boys and Girls Club Summer Program

June 3

10am-2pm
NM Job Corps Job and Resource Fair
Albuquerque Job Corps
1500 Indian School Rd. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

June 5, 2010

10-4pm
Kidfest
McGee Convention Center

June 5, July 20, 2010

Homebuyer Education Class
9-5pm
Farmington Civic Center, Civic Center Board Room
To register call 505-325-7466
The class is free

June 10, 2010

7-8pm
Drug Free San Juan County Meeting
Farmington Civic Center

June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, 2010

6-7pm
Parent, Child, Family Information Workshops
Sycamore Park Community Center

June 17, 2010

9am-12pm
Dine' Ba Hozho Coalition / Drug Free Communities Meeting
Contact Raymond Keeswood at raykeeswood@yahoo.com

June 17, 2010

3:30-5pm
CHIC Meeting
Rehabilitation Hospital 525 South

We are also gearing up for [Kidfest](#) June 5th! Make sure to bring your UmattR cards for the teens to sign and to be entered for some great prizes! We have many prizes for those who collect all 13 UmattR trading cards.

San Juan Safe Communities is also looking for nominations for next year's UmattR program. [Click here](#) to nominate your teen.

Local "Drill Down" Efforts

To look at our updated Community Engagement Framework model [click here](#).

How important is Early Childhood Development?

Well, in the next few issues, we will be presenting some facts our community should know if we are to answer that question...

"Social and behavioral competence in young children predicts their academic performance in the first grade over and above their cognitive skills and family backgrounds." *Raver, C.C. & Knitzer J. (2002).

Research has found that core brain development, 85 percent of which occurs in the first three years of life, shows differences in brain structures and function based on the child's experiences in relationships with others and with their social context. *Shonkoff, J. & Phillips, D. A. (Eds.). (2000).

Community Center Programming

Natalie and her staff continue to support the activities requested by the residents surrounding the center at Sycamore Park, and to see some of the things that are happening at the center,

Schwartz Avenue Farmington, NM

Prevention

Prevention Committee activities

We are looking for anyone who might want to volunteer to sit on one of our various sub-committees to drill down and focus on specific issues in the following areas: Community Center Programming, Bridges Community Programming, Business Partnership Development, Data Utilization or the Epi Workgroup, Violence Prevention, Gang Prevention or Alcohol Program Development.

If you are interested in working on any of these areas, please email us at info@sjsci.org or call our office at 505-599-1492, or contact the Prevention Committee Chair, Pamela Drake at drakep@sjcpartnership.org.

Bridges Out of Poverty / Getting Ahead training schedule:

Local Instructor Training - TBA

Take Action in Your Community

National multimedia campaigns from SAMHSA and the Ad Council focus on suicide prevention, underage drinking, and mental health among African Americans.

[Read More](#)

Native Americans Targeted for Anti-Meth Ad Campaign

The Office of National Drug Control Policy recently unveiled a

click on our [Newsletter Archive](#) and select the edition you would like to see.

Right now, our big push is to get a skate park built just to the south of the center. We have put in for several grants and should know if we received any funding fairly soon. The kids are putting together a fund drive at the center.

"Skate Into The Future" at Sycamore Park Community Center

The San Juan Safe Communities is supporting the construction of a skate park at Sycamore Park Community Center. This park is key to the Center's "Skate In To The Future" program. The "Skate In To The Future" program seamlessly combines nutrition education with exercise instruction and physical activity. In addition to building healthy habits, participants will learn about skateboarding and practice techniques in a closely supervised venue. The children, ages 10 to 18, also will have opportunities for character development. Overall, the program will support children in a safe, drug free environment.

The goals of the program are to:

- Increase positive opportunities for at-risk youth
- Decrease exposure to gang activity and drug abuse
- Increase self confidence and personal responsibility in participants
- Provide a skate boarding facility
- Increase number of youth participating in physical activity

Sponsorship Levels

360 Hardflip - \$1,000 (5 spots available)

Backside 180 Kickflip - \$800 (10 spots

new anti-methamphetamine ad campaign targeting Native American communities, where methamphetamine use is a major concern. The campaign was launched in Native American heavily-populated New Mexico and in 14 other states.

[Read more](#)

The Meth Project News

The Wyoming Meth Project launched its latest public service messaging campaign today. The research-based campaign includes a new series of television, radio, online, and outdoor ads that show the devastating impact Meth can have on the friends and family of those who use the drug. Acclaimed filmmaker Darren Aronofsky, best known for his award-winning films Pi, Requiem for a Dream, and The Wrestler, directed the television campaign.

To view the ads click [here](#).

About the Wyoming Meth Project

The Wyoming Meth Project is a non-profit organization that implements a range of advertising and community action programs to reduce methamphetamine use in the state. Launched in 2008, the Wyoming Meth Project leverages a proven model that combines extensive research with a hard-hitting, integrated media campaign. The Wyoming Meth Project is affiliated with the Meth Project, a national non-profit organization headquartered in Palo Alto, California, aimed at significantly reducing first-time Meth use through public service messaging, public

available)

Heelflip - \$500 (20 spots available)
Ollie - \$100 (20 spots available)

For more information, contact
Natalie Koehn, Sycamore Park
Community Center
at (505) 566-2480.

Please make checks payable to:
City of Farmington

and mail or deliver to:
Attn: Ken Collins, 901 Fairgrounds Rd,
Farmington NM 87401

Building A Bridges Community

The **Bridges Subcommittee** continues to meet to discuss how the Bridges program will be implemented in our county. The group is currently attempting to build the community mentoring structure, a process which could take many months to actually develop. The Community Mentoring project is a part of our **Neighborhood Resource Development** effort, and is an attempt to develop adult mentors from every walk of life who would volunteer to provide tips and information that could help our **R-Rules and Getting Ahead** graduates find the resources they are lacking. They will also help provide access to experiences that will help the graduates grow and prosper in their "new" world.

We have 18 people who have gone through the **R-Rules Instructor training**, and our efforts are ongoing to develop a community awareness presentation, a one day workshop presentation, and a 12 week intervention course. We are hoping to have the first two presentations completed by our April meeting.

Thirty one volunteers were recently trained as **Getting Ahead Instructors**, and this group continues to meet to develop a recruitment plan, an

policy, and community outreach. For more information, visit www.wyomingmethproject.org.

Colorado Attorney General John Suthers joined community leaders and Grand Junction Central High School students as the Colorado Meth Project unveiled the next wave of its large-scale, statewide campaign aimed at preventing methamphetamine use among Colorado's young people. To view the new television, radio, online, and print advertisements, click [here](#).

The Colorado Meth Project

The Colorado Meth Project also announced the results of the 2010 Colorado Meth Use & Attitudes Survey, a statewide survey that tracks the attitudes and behaviors of Colorado's young people toward methamphetamine. The survey was first conducted in 2009, before the launch of the Colorado Meth Project. According to the new data, 88% of teens and young adults now see great risk in trying Meth, up 9 points from a year ago for teens, and up 5 points for young adults.

Most teens (94%) report the Colorado Meth Project's ads helped them understand that Meth is dangerous to try even once, and 89% say the ads made them less likely to try or use Meth. Availability of Meth has remained unchanged in the past year, as 38% of Colorado young adults report that Meth is easy to get, and 31% say they have been offered the drug. To read the complete survey report, click [here](#).

NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Kerlikowske Says Drug War Has

instructor training schedule and to finalize our community implementation method. We are breaking down the training into modules and over the next two months will be working with all those who will be instructing the classes to become comfortable enough with the material to be able to facilitate them.

Our **Business Partnership Development subcommittee**, also part of the **Neighborhood Resource Development** effort, is in the organizational process. Members of this group represent our veterans, the human resource field, Job Corps, the New Mexico One Stop and Workforce Solutions, as well as Help New Mexico and Goodwill. Their charge as a group is to work with local businesses to understand what obtaining a Bridges certificate means in terms of providing good candidates to fill their employment vacancies. They are also exploring how to connect those who are going through the R-Rules and Getting Ahead training with access to educational opportunities in areas the students found themselves to be lacking. A list of adult education topics already identified as important are: parenting, life skills, reading literacy, basic writing skills, financial literacy, GED, English as a second language, citizenship, soft employability skills, employment sector training, and access to San Juan College vocational and academic courses.

Our good friends Ros, Herman, and Ryan, at Echo, continue to help prepare people for home ownership by providing financial literacy training, home buyer education and help establishing IDA accounts. Housing is a major part of our **Neighborhood Resource Development** program, and we will be working closely with those involved in the housing effort into the future.

Humor

'Not Been Successful'

The War on Drugs, declared by President Nixon in 1970 and continued for the past four decades, has "not been successful," said Obama administration drug czar Gil Kerlikowske, echoing a common trope of the drug-policy reform movement.

"In the grand scheme, it has not been successful," Kerlikowske, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said of a campaign that has cost more than \$1 trillion since its inception. "Forty years later, the concern about drugs and drug problems is, if anything, magnified, intensified."

The [Associated Press](#) reported May 14 that Kerlikowske said that the Obama administration's new anti-drug strategy calls for a shift in focus toward addiction treatment and prevention, with an emphasis on attacking drug use as a public-health problem. Still, the bulk of federal anti-drug money continues to go toward efforts to control drug supply, not demand.

"Nothing happens overnight," Kerlikowske said. "We've never worked the drug problem holistically. We'll arrest the drug dealer, but we leave the addiction." John Walters, President George W. Bush's drug czar, defended the drug war, saying it resulted in historic declines in overall use of illicit drugs. "To say that all the things that have been done in the war on drugs haven't made any difference is ridiculous," he said. "It destroys everything we've done. It's saying all the people involved in law enforcement, treatment and prevention have been wasting their time. It's saying all these people's work is misguided."



So that' how twins are made now a days!!!

Intervention/Treatment

We are looking for anyone who might want to volunteer to sit on one of our various sub-committees to drill down and focus on specific issues in the following Intervention/Treatment areas: Intervention Program Development, Treatment Program Development, Supportive Housing Initiative, or Street Gang Intervention System Development.

If you are interested in working in any of these areas, please email us at info@sjsci.org or call our office at 505-599-1492, or contact the Intervention Committee Chair, Rob Mitchell at rmitchell@sjcounty.net.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the principal biomedical and behavioral research agency of the United States Government. NIH is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Obama Drug Strategy Stresses Evidence-Based Prevention

President Obama said he is "committed to restoring balance in our efforts to combat the drug problems that plague our communities" in unveiling his 2010 National Drug Control Strategy, and while the plan does little to address the imbalance between demand-reduction and supply reduction spending in the drug budget, it does place stronger emphasis on implementing proven prevention strategies and investing in early interventions that are better integrated into mainstream medicine.

Read more [here](#).

Health Officials Unimpressed with New OxyContin Formula

A new, supposedly abuse-resistant version of OxyContin is getting tepid reviews from Massachusetts addiction experts and parents, the [Brockton Enterprise](#) reported April 23.

The [latest version](#) of OxyContin approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a time-released formula that drug maker Purdue Pharma said makes it harder for users to tamper with. Even the FDA, however, warned that the drug can still be abused, and other experts said that users may be able to heat the pills to get a higher dose even if the drug is now harder to cut, crush, chew, or dissolve.

"You are led to believe it is now going to be almost tamper-proof," said state Sen. Steven Tolman, chair of the Massachusetts OxyContin and Heroin Commission. "It either is or it isn't. I hate to be negative but I

Every year NIDA hosts a Drug Facts Chat Day and the tens of thousands of questions we've received from teens all over the country have shown us that teens have a lot of questions about drugs and drug abuse. Without a credible source for answers, they turn to the Internet, friends, and pop culture, often leaving them with dangerous misinformation which can lead to serious consequences.

Go to

www.drugfactsweek.drugabuse for more information and to check out their online toolkit.

Opiate addiction in its many variations has plagued populations for centuries, largely because the typical response has been to give some sort of substitute drug to opiate addicts rather than finding an effective way to stop the addiction.

This is still the situation today in the United States, the United Kingdom and other countries throughout the world. For example, the typical treatment for someone addicted to heroin or painkillers in the UK is to see their General Practitioner (GP), who then sets them up on methadone or some other replacement drug and refers them to a community detox to try and taper off the drug over a couple of years as well as attend meetings and counseling sessions. Only in more severe or chronic relapsing cases do addicts get referred to an inpatient detox clinic and residential rehabilitation facility, according to the National Health Service (NHS), and even then they still may be given these replacement drugs, from which the National Treatment Agency (NTA) and Glasgow University Research confirm they achieve abstinence in only 3% of cases.

Read the complete article [here](#).

didn't get a lot of comfort with this."

"It is a lot too little, too late," added Tolman. "It is difficult to establish trust against a company that has created such destruction." "OxyContin should be taken off the market," said Mary D'Eramo, a member of the Abington Anti-Drug Coalition and the parents group Learn to Cope. "There are other drugs out there. OxyContin hurts far more people and costs far more lives than it has ever saved."

SUCCESS STORIES

Success Stories - Life after Meth From drugfree.org



Christina Rose
Montgomery, TX
23

What Made Me Try It

I was very anti-drugs until I came back from a year at college. I had tried ecstasy a handful of times and thought I wasn't going to get addicted. A very close friend of mine used meth secretly. One day I caught her, and the next day I was doing it with her. I saw how much weight she had lost and after asking her what effects the drug had on her, I decided it couldn't be that bad.

Moments of Truth

Through my journey using meth I have been exposed to burying friends, extreme violence, staph infections, police encounters, lies,

Submit Your Questions for the May Ask the Expert, Dr. Alexandre Laudet

Submit your questions related to maintaining resiliency and sustaining recovery to Dr. Alexandre Laudet. Dr. Laudet is a nationally recognized addiction and recovery scientist, and was recently appointed Director of the Research Center at the Institute for Research, Education and Training in Addiction. Her federally funded research over the past 15 years has focused on what helps people with drug and alcohol problems achieve and maintain long-term recovery.

[View Dr. Laudet's full biography.](#)

[View the May Program](#)
[Submit a Question](#)

Drug Courts Cut Crime, Recidivism, Prison Costs, International Study Finds

Researchers who looked at drug courts in 12 countries issued a ringing endorsement of their effects on crime and costs to society, saying the concept of offering addiction treatment to drug offenders rather than prison has succeeded in countries from Belgium to Suriname.

Read the complete article [here](#).



Why, Why, Why???

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke???

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless

hatred, filth, thieves, and that's just the beginning. Looking back, I never could have imagined what my path would lead me to do after trying meth just "one time". I never thought I would have to worry about addiction, because I had never been addicted. I couldn't imagine ever spending money on drugs, because I loved shopping too much. The problem was that my new boyfriend was a dealer.

My Advice

It felt like it was so hard to get back to where I am today, but it wasn't. It's about making that decision to change your life and to listen to the people who really care about you. People on drugs don't care enough about themselves to help you. I've been on the other side. I am so thankful to be on the good side now. If you have never tried drugs, please don't, especially when it comes to meth. It is truly evil, and it will take you to places you never want to go!

My Recovery Story

After using meth several times a day for two years, the day that changed my life came. Late one night what looked like a pimple appeared on my cheek. It began to get bigger like a boil. I tried to pop it and cover it with make-up. Just a few short hours later my eye was completely swollen shut. I tried hot and cold compresses, benadryl, but nothing would take the swelling down. My life was so crazy at that point I cried myself to sleep in a closet.

When I woke up the next morning, my eye was swollen shut. I was rushed to the ER where I was immediately given morphine through an IV. I was in the hospital for seven days, leaving with a straw (for drainage) sticking out of my cheek. I know that was a sign from God. That was my chance out of that drug

junk in the garage???

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!???

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress???

Community Coalition News

A message from Benedikte Whitman, (from their monthly newsletter)

The Boys & Girls Club of Farmington represents 50 years of service to youth. The Club provides activities and support to more than 1,900 young people ages 6 - 18. With two locations, the Boys & Girls Club of Farmington is the only organization with year-round comprehensive, facilities-based, and affordable youth development programs that are delivered by trained and experienced youth development professionals. "The Positive Place for Kids" offers programs in Education & Career Development, Character & Leadership Development, Health & Life Skills, the Arts, as well as Sports, Fitness, and Recreation. For more information, contact the Boys & Girls Club of Farmington at 327-6396 or visit us on the Web at www.bgcfarmington.org.

We want to remind you that the club will be open 7:45 - 5:30 Monday - Friday through the summer and we have enormous amounts of fun for all youth. We have fun, classes, activities, and field trips everyday. In addition, we have some special options available which are discussed below. Remember, you do not have to pay for the entire summer at one time. You can pay for each month separately or even for a week at a time.

lifestyle. I had prayed for months for a way out. I needed a way to have a chance to be somewhere where I could detox and rest, because I knew that without the meth I wouldn't be able to move from being so tired. For me, that was the experience that it took for me to realize what I was doing to my life, my family, and my true friends who cared about me. For me to recover I needed to change people, places, and things. I started working, and began to feel like myself again. I also started going to church and praying. Without God, I wouldn't be where I'm at today. I never went to rehab. It just didn't happen for me that way. I would suggest that a person do whatever it takes for them to turn their life around, because there is so much more out there!

Poem submitted by: Carolyn Evans

Isaiah 42:16 Ministries

I am meth.

This was written by a young girl who was in jail for drug charges, and was addicted to meth. She wrote this while in jail. As you will soon read, she fully grasped the horrors of the drug, as she tells in this simple, yet profound poem. She was released from jail, but, true to her story, the drug owned her. They found her dead not long after, with the needle still in her arm. Please keep praying. This thing is worse than any of us realize...

I destroy homes, I tear families apart, I take your children, and that's just the start.

I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold, the sorrow I bring is a sight to behold. If you need

The ECHO HOPE Housing Program

Gerald Benally was a long-time renter and had always hoped that one day he would own his own home. Mr. Benally works at the Food Bank of the Economic Council Helping Others Inc. (ECHO), and saw a flyer about a first-time homebuyer program offered by the ECHO housing department. He thought this may be his opportunity to become a homeowner.

Mr. Benally worked with us through the counseling program and learned more about the program. During counseling we explained that Four Corners Community Bank can facilitate Homebuyer Equity Leverage Partnership (HELP) grants from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas). This program provides \$5,000 to qualified homebuyers with down payment and closing costs on a newly constructed or existing home. Mr. Benally qualified for a \$5,000 HELP grant to assist with down payment and closing costs on a newly constructed home in the Pioneer Heights subdivision in Aztec, New Mexico.

Gerald has worked at ECHO for 10 years and has an excellent reputation. He prepared himself very well for the responsibilities of homeownership, and it was a pleasure to see him qualify for a home.

Mr. Benally and his daughter, who is going into her senior year of high school, closed on a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in mid-May. They will be moved in to their new home before June 2010. Gerald said he has passed the word around about ECHO and the HELP program to help others get into their own home.

"It was well worth the wait," said Mr. Benally. "I've been renting since 1990, and it took a little while for me to get my finances in order and prepare for homeownership, but it was all worth it."

me, remember I'm easily found, I live all around you - in schools and in town I live with the rich, I live with the poor, I live down the street, and maybe next door.

I'm made in a lab, but not like you think, I can be made under the kitchen sink. In your child's closet, and even in the woods, If this scares you to death, well it certainly should. I have many names, but there's one you know best, I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is crystal meth.

My power is awesome, try me you'll see, but if you do, you may never break free. Just try me once and I might let you go. But try me twice, and I'll own your soul. When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie, you do what you have to -- just to get high. The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms. You'll lie to your mother, you'll steal from your dad, when you see their tears, you should feel sad. But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised, I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.

I take kids from parents, and parents from kids, I turn people from God, and separate friends. I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride; I'll be with you always -- right by your side. You'll give up everything - your family, your home, your friends, your money and then you'll be alone. I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give, When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me be warned - this is no game, If given the chance, I'll drive you insane. I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind, I'll own you completely and your soul will be mine. The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed, the voices you'll hear, from inside your head. The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll

In addition to the HELP grant, ECHO partnered with the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, which provided an \$8,000 subsidy from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Home funds. We were able to secure funds to help Mr. Benally reduce the principal on his new home. The combination of the HELP grant and the HUD funds allowed Mr. Benally to lower his monthly mortgage payment to a rate comparable to what he paid in rent.

This is just one of the success stories for the ECHO HOPE housing program. We are looking for other qualified homebuyers to place in new homes. This exceptional program provided by USDA through the Rural Development Department can give a family the opportunity to own a new home. Call us and be one of the families to realize the American Dream of home ownership.

ECHO is hosting an open house on Wednesday, June 16, in the Pioneer Heights subdivision at 3372 J. F. Scott Street in Aztec. The event will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is a statewide event that will showcase ECHO's program in San Juan County and highlight the recent homebuyers assisted by ECHO. Terry Brunner, state director for USDA New Mexico, will speak about the importance of ECHO HOPE and the rural development program. A hard hat tour of the homes will follow after Mr. Brunner's presentation. Join us and see the new homes under construction.

For more information regarding the ECHO HOPE open house, please contact Rosalyn Fry, Ryan Downey or Herman Sedano at 505-325-7466. Visit us at www.echoinc.org.

see, I want you to know, these are all gifts from me. But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart, that you are mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do, but you came to me, not I to you.

You knew this would happen, many times you were told, but you challenged my power, and chose to be bold. You could have said no, and just walked away, if you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I'll be your master, you will be my slave, I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave. Now that you have met me, what will you do? Will you try me or not? It's all up to you. I can bring you more misery than words can tell, Come take my hand; let me lead you to hell.

FAMILY WELLNESS, PARENTING, AND MENTORING

Tips for Parents

Go check out the "Parent Toolkit"

What You'll Find Inside we know you are going to find helpful. You will find:

Understanding Teens;

Connecting With Your Kids;

Protecting Your Kids;

How to Spot Drug and Alcohol Use;

How to Help if They Are Using.

For more information, please visit our partners [here](#).



Albuquerque Job Corps Job and Resource Fair

Thursday, June 3
10-2

Albuquerque Job Corps
1500 Indian School Rd. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

There is no fee for this event. Tables and lunch will be provided.

For more information on the event or to RSVP contact:

Mark Marquez, Career Advisor
NM Job Corps Farmington 118
(505) 563-9610

PARENT SOURCE

Parent - Child - Family Information
Workshops
(4 part series)

Location:
Sycamore Park Community Center
(from Murray Dr, turn South on Graham Rd. to Sycamore St.

The purpose of this 4 part series is to provide:

A look at the long-term goals of parenting; parenting styles

Information on how children think, feel, and act; including temperament and

Resource Offers Tools To Strengthen Families

"Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide" is a helpful resource for providers who serve families. The guide is published by the Department of Health and Human Services; it includes information about protective factors that reduce the risk of child maltreatment and strategies that enhance community support for families through evidence-based practices. (OJJDP)

Suppression

We are looking for members who might want to volunteer to sit on one of our various sub-committees to drill down and focus on specific issues in the following suppression areas: Street Gang Intervention System Development (there is a Suppression component in it), and taking a look at new policing strategies in context of the "drill down" approach.

If you are interested in working on any of these areas, please email us at info@sjsci.org or call our office at 505-599-1492, or contact the Suppression Committee Chair, Sheriff, Mark McCloskey at mcclloskeym@sjcounty.net.

Mexico, a "Failed State?"

April 6, 2010

By George Friedman (Editor of Stratfor Intelligence)

STRATFOR **argued March 13, 2008, that Mexico was nearing the status of a failed state.** A failed state is one in which the central government has lost control over significant areas of the country and the state is unable to function. In revisiting this issue, it seems to us

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Skills that can increase your enjoyment and effectiveness as a parent; communication and discipline

Skills that can develop your child's self-esteem and confidence
Support for yourself as a parent and as a person

Session 1

Human Growth & Development
Brain Development
Understanding Yourself and Your Child
May 17

Session 2

Temperament
Understanding Beliefs and Feelings
Self-Esteem
May 24

Session 3

Effective Parenting
Parenting Styles
Family Transitions
May 31

Session 4

Discipline that Makes Sense
Breaking Peaces - Abuse /Neglect
Domestic Violence
June 7

Session 1	June 14
Session 2	June 21
Session 3	June 28
Session 4	July 5

Monday
6:00 - 9:00 pm
COST: FREE

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San Juan College

that the Mexican government has **lost control of the northern tier of Mexico to drug-smuggling organizations**, which have significantly greater power in that region than government forces. Moreover, the ability of the central government to assert its will against these organizations has weakened to the point that decisions made by the state against the cartels are not being implemented or are being implemented in a way that would guarantee failure.

Despite these facts, it is not clear to STRATFOR that Mexico is becoming a failed state. Instead, it appears the Mexican state has accommodated itself to the situation. Rather than failing, it has developed strategies designed both to ride out the storm and to maximize the benefits of that storm for Mexico.

First, while the Mexican government has lost control over matters having to do with drugs and with the borderlands of the United States, Mexico City's control over other regions - and over areas other than drug enforcement - has not collapsed (though its lack of control over drugs could well extend to other areas eventually). Second, while drugs reshape Mexican institutions dramatically, they also, paradoxically, stabilize Mexico. We need to examine these crosscurrents to understand the status of Mexico.

Mexico's Core Problem

Let's begin by understanding the core problem. The United States consumes vast amounts of narcotics, which, while illegal there, make their way in abundance. Narcotics derive from low-cost agricultural products that become consumable with minimal processing. With its long, shared border with the United States, Mexico has become a major grower, processor and exporter of narcotics.

GRANT WRITING

For full list of grant resources, go to:

[San Juan Safe Communities Grant Funding](#)

[San Juan Safe Communities Grant Writing](#)

[SAMHSA Funding Opportunities](#)

OJJDP Announces Additional FY 2010 Funding Opportunities

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following fiscal year (FY) 2010 funding opportunities:

- [Group Mentoring Research and Evaluation Program](#)
- [National Girls Institute](#)
- [National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Youth in Custody](#)

Resources:

To obtain further information about the above and other current OJJDP solicitations, including eligibility criteria and application deadlines, click [here](#).

Demonstration Program Promotes Proven Antiviolence Strategies

Application deadline: June 18, 2010

The [Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program](#) provides funding for localities to support federal, state, and local partnerships to replicate multi-disciplinary, community-based, proven strategies to reduce violence. (OJJDP)

Because the drugs are illegal and thus outside normal market processes, their price is determined by their illegality rather than by the cost of production. This means extraordinary profits can be made by [moving narcotics from the Mexican side of the border](#) to markets on the other side.

Whoever controls the supply chain from the fields to the processing facilities and, above all, across the border, will make enormous amounts of money. Various Mexican organizations - labeled cartels, although they do not truly function as such, since real cartels involve at least a degree of cooperation among producers, not open warfare - vie for this business. These are competing businesses, each with its own competing supply chain.

Typically, competition among businesses involves lowering prices and increasing quality. This would produce small, incremental shifts in profits on the whole while dramatically reducing prices. An increased market share would compensate for lower prices. Similarly, lawsuits are the normal solution to unfair competition. But neither is the case with regard to illegal goods.

The surest way to increase smuggling profits is not through market mechanisms but by taking over competitors' supply chains. Given the profit margins involved, persons wanting to control drug supply chains would be irrational to buy, since the lower-cost solution would be to take control of these supply chains by force. Thus, each smuggling organization has an attached paramilitary organization designed to protect its own supply chain and to seize its competitors' supply chains.

The result is [ongoing warfare](#)

Funding Opportunities Available for BJA

BJA has a number of open solicitations on topics such as enhancing law enforcement and crime prevention, justice system response to special populations, reentry courts, and tribal legal assistance. View the full list of available solicitations at [BJA's funding page](#).

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Announces the Launch of Grants 101

OJP [Grants 101](#) provides an overview of OJP grants and funding opportunities and describes the entire grant process—from choosing what type of grant is right for your organization to how a grant is awarded. Through OJP Grants 101 you will learn-

- [How to find grants](#)
- [What you need to know before getting started](#)
- [The grant life cycle](#)
- [Grant writing tips](#)
- [The peer review process](#)
- [The award process](#)

Humor

Little Johnny wanted to go to the zoo and pestered his parents for days until his mother finally talked his reluctant father into taking him to the zoo.

When he returned home his mother asked him how his day at the zoo went. Johnny replied, "Great, and daddy liked it too, especially when one of the animals came in big at 30 to 1!"

between competing organizations. Given the amount of money being made in delivering their product to American cities, these paramilitary organizations are well-armed, well-led and well-motivated. Membership in such paramilitary groups offers impoverished young men extraordinary opportunities for making money, far greater than would be available to them in legitimate activities.

The raging war in Mexico derives logically from the existence of markets for narcotics in the United States; the low cost of the materials and processes required to produce these products; and the extraordinarily favorable economics of moving narcotics across the border. This warfare is concentrated on the Mexican side of the border. But from the Mexican point of view, this warfare does not fundamentally threaten Mexico's interests.

Read the complete report [here](#).

YOUTH ISSUES

Suicide Is the Third Leading Cause of Death Among 15- to 24-Year-Olds

SAMHSA, along with the Ad Council and the Inspire USA Foundation, today launched a new Teen Suicide Prevention national public service campaign, the first teen suicide prevention effort from SAMHSA to utilize a national mass media strategy, as well as a robust digital outreach program.

The public service announcement (PSA) campaign-We Can Help Us-was developed out of the acquired insight that, although many teens encounter the same tough times, many also develop positive solutions to help overcome them. The campaign empowers teens by reminding them that there are ways to get through



Upcoming Events and Trainings Opportunities

June 23-24, 2010

8am-5pm

2nd Annual Drugs, Gangs, and Prosecution Conference

The Holiday Inn Express, 2110 Camino Del Llano, Belen, NM 87002

cwoosleygrose@da.state.nm.us

Register for 2010 Training Workshops

Register for OVC's upcoming training workshops, [Enforcing Victims' Rights](#), June 16-17, 2010, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and [The Ultimate Trainer](#), August 17-19, 2010, in Boston, Massachusetts. To view course descriptions and learning objectives or to register, visit the [OVC TTAC Web site](#). (OVC)

Save the Date for 2011 SART Conference

The Sixth [National Sexual Assault Response Team \(SART\) Training Conference](#) will be held May 25-27, 2011, in Austin, Texas. The conference will expand the capacity of SARTs to promote health and healing of sexual assault victims and new workshops will specifically address the challenges and needs of practitioners in Indian Country. Up to 25 scholarships will be available for Indian Country SARTs. (OVC)

whatever problems they face and directs them to visit reachout.com to hear stories from others who successfully conquered their tough times.

We hope your organization can help extend the campaign's reach to youth who may be at risk and amplify these potentially lifesaving messages. To view the PSAs, the press release, and more details about how your organization can help support the campaign, please view the National Suicide Prevention Campaign for Teens [Multimedia News Release](#). You can also visit [SAMHSA's Web site](#) or the [Ad Council Web site](#) to learn more.

[How You Can Support the Campaign](#)

CADCA Ambassador Program for Young Adults

Drug abuse prevention coalitions can help achieve significant reductions in a community's substance abuse rates, but they need the skills and training in order to do so. To answer the call to help strengthen coalitions, especially in economically challenged communities, CADCA designed the Ambassador Program, which is an initiative to help increase the number of young adult coalition workforce leaders in the coalition field.

The program, which is run by CADCA's National Coalition Institute, is designed to apply an immediate and intentional impact on anti-drug coalitions in underserved communities.

For this initiative, 15 people will be selected to participate in the program. Those selected will serve for a period of up to two years -- a

NASADAD/NPN Now Accepting Applications for 2010 National Exemplary Awards for Innovative Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors and The National Prevention Network, with support from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention announced a call for applications for their 2010 National Exemplary Awards for Innovative Substance Abuse Prevention Programs, Practices, and Policies.

[Read more](#)

Research and Resources

BJS Launches Redesigned Website

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) website has been redesigned and is now available at:

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Many new features and tools have been added, and the site's content has been completely reorganized to allow users to quickly find the information they're seeking. New features include enhanced search capabilities, prominent placement of new products and announcements on the homepage, RSS feeds, and more. Tutorials are available to help users become familiar with the new site and its features.

National Prescription Drug Threat Assessment 2009

This resource from the National Drug Intelligence Center analyzes current nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutic drugs (opioid pain relievers, tranquilizers, sedatives, or stimulants) and discusses their

commitment for people interested in exploring the community coalition field as a career path. Applicants should be between 18-30 years of age.

The program will accept applications from nominees recruited from substance abuse prevention coalitions and those that address conditions associated with the use of substances. Each will receive extensive training at no cost to his/her related community coalition.

Janine Payne, MPH, who manages the Ambassador Program, said the program came about after conducting assessments with coalitions and identifying areas where strong community coalition leaders are needed most. "CADCA translates what we learn from coalitions to bring innovative programs and products to increase knowledge and capacity of prevention coalitions. When poverty and substance abuse data are translated they become the faces of real people -- our neighbors, family members and friends from rural, urban areas and reservations across the country," she said.

The application is [available online](#). Program enrollment priority will be given to coalitions located in areas in which 20 percent or more of the children are living in a household below the poverty line, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. For more information about CADCA's Ambassador Program, contact Janine Payne at 1-800-54-CADCA, Ext. 238, or via e-mail at jpayne@cadca.org.

Street Gangs

Gang Intervention System

If you are interested in getting involved with our street gang efforts, please let me know and I will put you to work on our subcommittee. It has been a long time coming, and I have

distribution, the societal impact of controlled prescription drugs diversion and abuse, and Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) that have been established legislatively in many states to stem CPD diversion and abuse. [Download the PDF.](#)

NDIC NDTA Estimates Drug Abuse Costs U.S. \$215 Billion Annually

The U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) released the 2010 National Drug Threat Assessment (NDTA), highlighting trends in production, transportation, distribution, and abuse of drugs. In addition, the NDTA estimates the economic cost of drug abuse at \$215 billion annually

New 2010 National Drug Control Strategy Released

Because nearly all Americans are impacted by the effects of drug use, the National Drug Control Strategy is designed to be particularly relevant at the local level. Whether you are a parent trying to find information on drug prevention, a community member interested in treatment resources and innovative approaches to drug issues, a police officer or local elected official searching for new approaches to drug-related crimes, or someone who wants to know more details about the Administration's drug policy, the National Drug Control Strategy and the Office of National Drug Control Policy website, [WhiteHouseDrugPolicy.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov/whitehouse-drug-policy), will serve as useful resources.

To learn more about the 2010 Strategy, [visit the website](#) or [watch the video message](#).

high hopes and expectations that we will be able to address the street gang problem.

Fact Sheet Provides Data From 2008 National Youth Gang Survey

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released "[Highlights of the 2008 National Youth Gang Survey.](#)" The fact sheet draws on findings from OJJDP's annual National Youth Gang Survey to provide data on gangs, gang members, and gang-related crime and violence. In 2008, approximately 774,000 gang members and 27,900 gangs were active in some 3,300 jurisdictions across the United States, estimates that remain virtually unchanged from [2007](#).

Resources: "Highlights of the 2008 National Youth Gang Survey" (NCJ 229249) is available [here](#). Print copies may be ordered online [here](#).

To access additional gang-related information and resources, visit the National Gang Center's Web site at www.nationalgangcenter.gov/.

Bulletin Provides History of Street Gangs

The National Gang Center, a collaborative project of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), has published "[History of Street Gangs in the United States.](#)"

Written by James C. Howell, Senior Research Associate, and John P. Moore, Director, National Gang

In addition, if you have any questions please, feel free to contact me through the [Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse](#).

R. Gil Kerlikowske
Director of National Drug Control Policy

Center, the bulletin reviews the chronology of major events associated with the emergence of street gangs in each of the country's four major geographic regions.

Resources:

"History of Street Gangs in the United States" is available online [here](#).

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STAND (Students Taking Action Not Drugs)

Keep up-to-date by [becoming a friend of the Partnership](#) on Facebook!

Find us [@drugnews on Twitter](#) for the latest news about drugs and alcohol

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov> : Bureau of Justice Statistics:

Related Resources

www.methpedia.org - One stop for all methamphetamine information

<http://www.samhsa.gov/treatment/> - Samhsa Website to "Find Treatment"

www.rxotcawarenessmonth.com - Prescription Drug Awareness website

<http://www.samhsa.gov/treatment/> - Samhsa Website to "Find Treatment"

www.rxotcawarenessmonth.com - Prescription Drug Awareness website

www.sjcbbridges.org - St. Joseph's Bridges Out of Poverty

<http://www.samhsa.gov/treatment/> - SAMSA Website to "Find Treatment"



www.rxotcawarenessmonth.com - Prescription Drug Awareness Site

[Expand Your Universe - Mentor a Child](#)

[MENTOR, The National Mentoring Partnership](#)

[National Mentoring Center](#)

[Stalking Resource Center](#)

[Working Together to End the Violence: Stalking](#)

<http://www.datehookup.com/content-violence-in-dating.htm>

www.checkyourself.com (A place for teens to check out where they are with drugs and alcohol.)

www.drugfree.org/meth360

www.drugfree.org/parents360

www.drugfree.org/wrecked

[ONDCP National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign](#)

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of "[OJJDP News @ a Glance, May/June 2009](#)"

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov> - Recovery Month Events (from CADCA)

<http://teacherpathfinder.org/Parent/drparent.html> - Parenting Resources

<http://www.crystalrecovery.com/>

[National Criminal Justice Reference Service \(US DOJ\)](#)

www.narconon.org

[Harvard Mentoring Project](#)

[Teachers Magazine](#)

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#)

[Parents The Anti-Drug](#)

[Drug Free America Foundation, Inc.](#)

[National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families](#)

[The Meth Project](#)

[Meth Awareness Project](#)

[Meth Resources.gov](#)

[The Office of National Drug Control Policy](#)

[Meth-Free Montana; Most of Us](#)

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