

QUICK FACTS ABOUT METH

- Some of the main ingredients in Meth include Acetone, battery acid, Pseudoephedrine, Ether, Freon, paint thinner and brake fluid.
- The makers of Meth are beginning to add flavor, such as Strawberry Quik, to Meth batches in order to make the taste more appealing to young people.
- During the first 4-6 months of recovery, Meth addicts experience a profound inability to feel pleasure.
- Chronic Meth abuse leads to psychotic behaviors.
- Meth is more addictive than any other illegal drug.
- The high experienced after using Meth lasts between 6 to 24 hours.
- Meth is easy to make and many of the ingredients can be found at a drug store.
- California is the nation's leader in Meth production.



Other Resources:

www.pbs.org— "Meth Epidemic" Link
www.dea.gov/pubs/states/california.html
www.kci.org/meth_info/neighborhood_lab.htm
www.streetdrugs.org/methlabs.htm
www.stopdrugs.org/recognizinglabs.html

Meth Prevention Initiative Projects

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METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION INITIATIVE PROJECT

Stopping the Epidemic



California is at the center of the Meth trade in the nation. Meth is a highly addictive, easily synthesized and readily available narcotic that is sweeping through our communities at an unprecedented rate.

Meth impacts the health of youth in communities across California. Young people are not only using Meth, but they are also in homes where Meth is being produced. They are exposed to deadly chemicals, as well as deadly situations. Meth is destroying lives and breaking up families.

Friday Night Live is uniquely positioned to combat Meth and its cancerous growth in the cities, farming communities and suburban towns of California. Our statewide system of youth and their adult allies can lead the way in creating healthier communities. We have already had tremendous success in helping young people to provide leadership in their communities, and promote healthy and productive lives that are tobacco, drug and alcohol free.

There is a lot of work to do and the California Friday Night Live Partnership, California Friday Night Collaborative Leadership Team and the Youth Leadership Institute have the people, resources, and skills to effectively deliver anti-meth projects across the state.

METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION INITIATIVE PROJECTS

Funding for Methamphetamine Prevention Initiative Projects was made available in 2007 by the Friday Night Live Partnership office through the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. Eleven counties have been selected to implement county wide youth driven Meth Prevention Initiatives for the 2007—2008 term.



Stanislaus Count M.A.T. members.

The projects work to develop a community engaged initiative, utilizing a community organizing approach and environmental and community level interventions and partnerships in prevention, treatment and other stakeholders. The strategies are primarily targeted towards high school and college aged students.

The objective of the projects is to engage youth and their adult allies to be advocates of change by raising community awareness about the risks and impacts of the Meth problem, and also by informing others about existing resources and networks and promoting policy level changes. Each county has a Meth Action Team (MAT) coalition to bring together the variety of stakeholders and concerned citizens to develop and implement an action plan, program strategy and policy level interventions.

Tips to Identify a Possible Meth Lab:



Meth labs turn up in houses, barns, apartments, trailers, campers, cabins and motel rooms even the backs of pickups and cars.

- Here are some things to look for in identifying a meth lab:
- Unusual, strong odors (like cat urine, ether, ammonia, acetone or other chemicals).
- Excessive trash including large amounts of items such as: antifreeze containers, lantern fuel cans, red chemically stained coffee filters, drain cleaner and duct tape.
- Unusual amounts of clear glass containers being brought into the home.
- Windows blacked out/covered by aluminum foil, plywood, sheets, blankets, etc.
- Little traffic during the day, high traffic at late hours.

If you suspect a meth lab, please call 911 immediately.