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Introduction to Drug Endangered Children Awareness: Identifying Drug Endangered Children – A Collaborative Approach

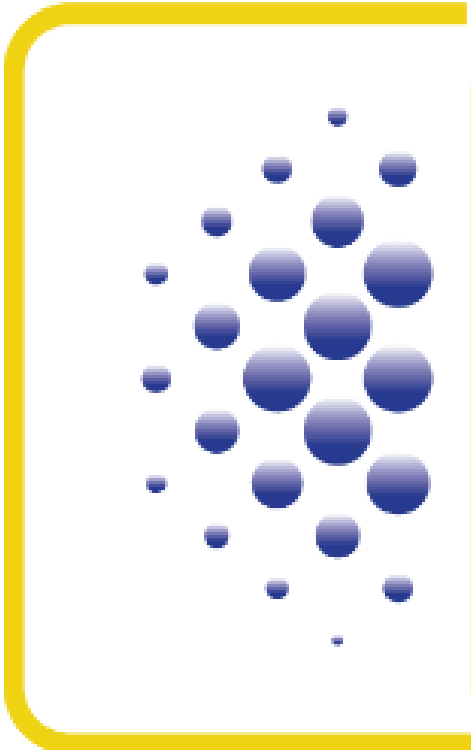
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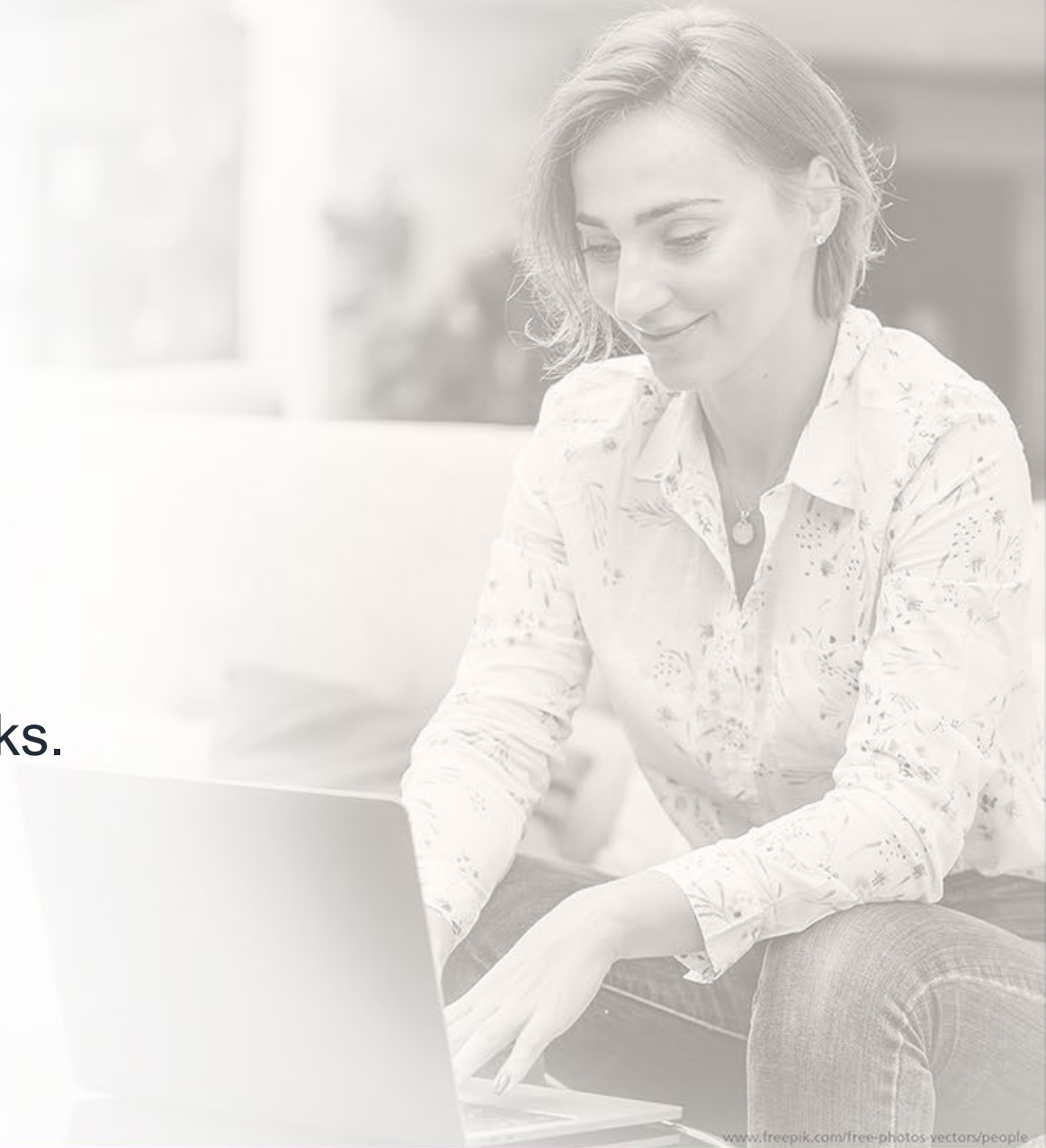


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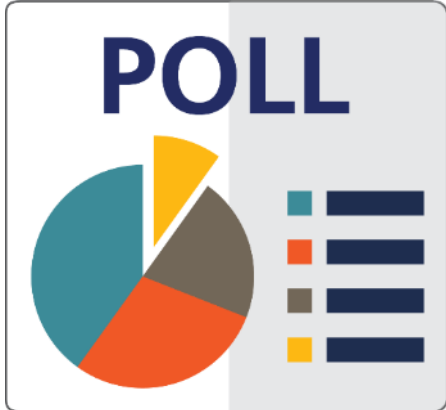
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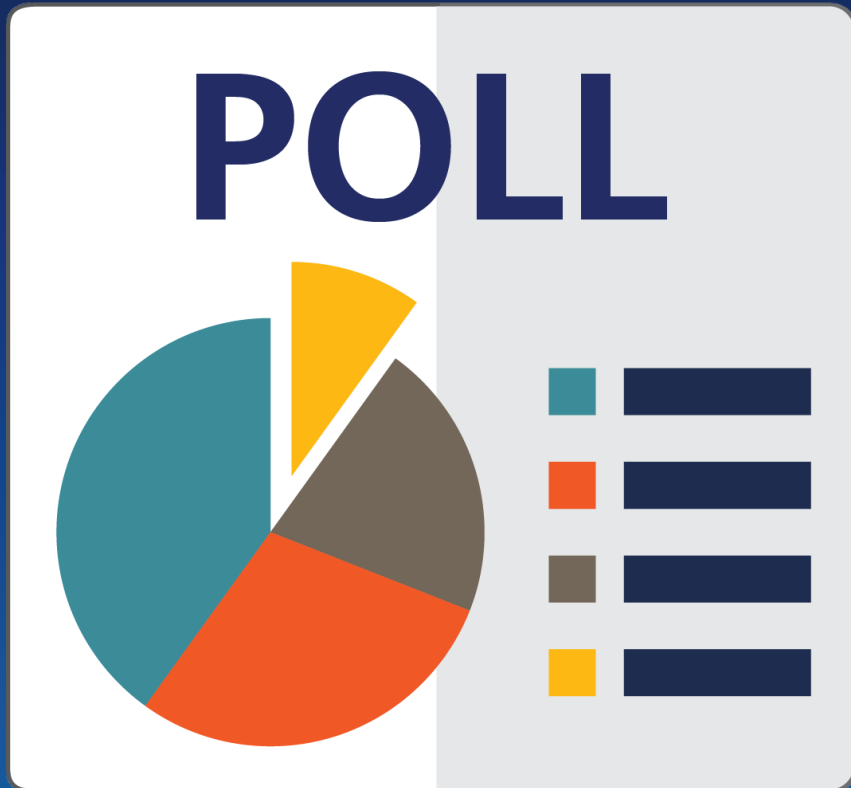
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- Other

Learning Objectives

- 1 List basic techniques to recognize and identify drug endangered children
- 2 Explain the risks drug endangered children face
- 3 Describe the need to facilitate multi-disciplinary, collaborative responses to better meet the needs of these children
- 4 Identify opportunities to identify children living in dangerous drug environments and the benefits of intervention at the earliest possible point in order to reduce physical and psychological harm to children
- 5 Describe what a multidisciplinary collaborative response looks like and how it incorporates the unique and often limited resources within a community



Today's Presenters



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The DEC Mission: Where We Started

- Started when meth labs were popular
- Law enforcement driven mission
- Expanded to prosecuting caregivers and removing children from home



The DEC Mission: Where We Are Now

- Not law enforcement driven; can start with any discipline
- Is a community driven mission
- No response driven; can be proactive
- Expanded to include ALL disciplines
- Includes identifying children, responding, and providing intervention and services
- May not include a removal of children
- Includes all disciplines working together in best interest of children and families

The DEC Mission



National DEC's mission is to change the status quo by empowering practitioners to identify and respond to children living in dangerous drug environments.



Video: Why



Defining Drug Endangered Children (DEC)

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children defines drug endangered children as children who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution.

They may also be children whose caretaker's substance misuse interferes with the caretaker's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment.



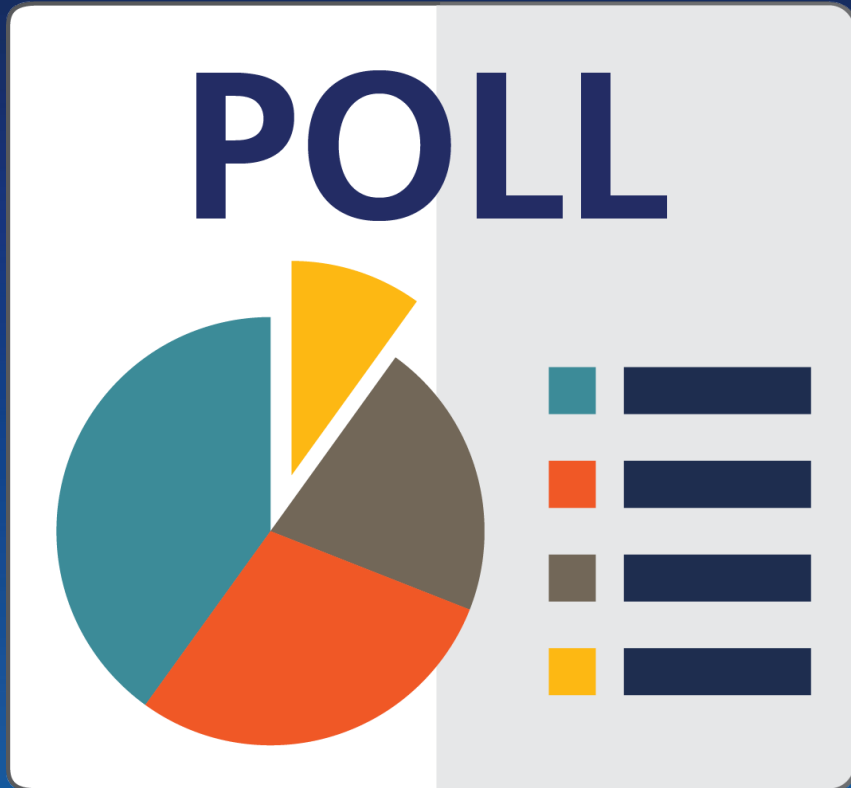
**Our Vision:
Healthy, Happy & Safe
Children 100%**



The Data: How many Children are Impacted?

- 1 in 8 children (8.7 million) live in households with at least one parent who has a substance use disorder (SUD).
- 1 in 10 children (7.5 million) live in households with at least one parent who has an alcohol use disorder.
- 1 in 35 children (2.1 million) live in households with at least one parent who has an illicit drug use disorder.
- *(SUDs are characterized by recurrent use of alcohol or other drugs (or both) that results in significant impairment.)*





What do you think is the most common risk drug endangered children experience?

- Neglect
(lack of supervision, lack of food, lack of shelter, lack of attachment, etc.)
- Child abuse
(black eyes, bruises, burns, broken bones, etc.)
- Sexual abuse



Understanding



RISK

Children whose parents abuse alcohol or drugs are:

- 3 times more likely to be verbally, physically or sexually abused
- 4 times more likely than other children to be neglected



Understanding



RISK

Children of parents with substance use disorders have a higher likelihood of developing substance use problems themselves.



Children at Risk

Children + Drugs = RISK

Understanding



RISK

Risk (n.): The chance of something going wrong; the danger that injury, damage or loss will occur.

-Encarta Dictionary of North America



Understanding



- All drug endangered children are at risk
- How much risk and risk for what varies

Prenatal Risks

Effects of prenatal drug exposure

Are difficult to isolate due to:

- poor prenatal care
- poor nutrition
- prematurity
- adverse postnatal environment

Depend on:

- the substance being used
- frequency of use
- duration of use
- quantity of use



Prenatal Risks

Issues that may result from prenatal exposure to drugs:

- Language difficulties
- Cognitive deficits
- Long-term delays in development
- Behavioral concerns
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder



Prenatal Risks

Infants exposed to drugs in utero are more likely to be abused or neglected.

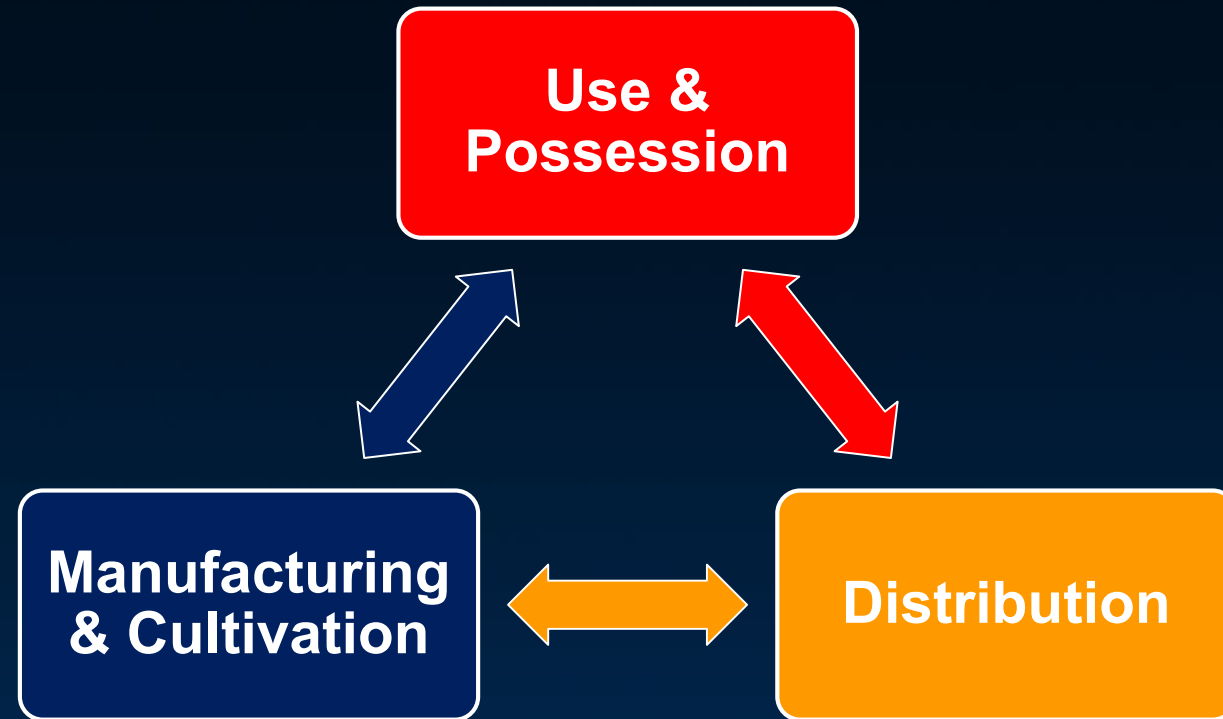


Postnatal Risk Examples:

What are some risks of substance abuse and drug activity?

- Environmental Chaos
- Lack of supervision
- Lack of necessities
- Violence/Domestic Violence
- Overlay deaths
- Loss
- Ingestion and Exposure
- Human/Sex Trafficking

Evidence of Harm: Illicit Drug Activities



Drug Use

Use & Possession

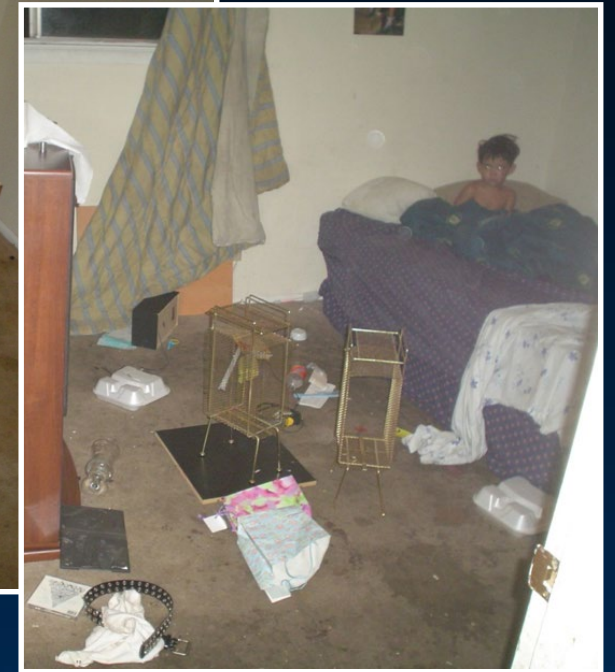


Drug Use

Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulants

Example:

- Salt Lake City, UT
- “Rocking up” crack cocaine
- Officers entered two bedrooms and discovered these two children behind closed doors



Drug Distribution

Distribution



Drug Distribution

Children become victims of the illicit drug trade in many ways:

- Home invasion
- Abduction
- Ransom
- Drugs transported in children's items
- Children brought to drug buys
- Human/Sex Trafficking
- Children used as decoys



Human/Sex Trafficking

Heroin

Example:

- Ohio
- Mother sentenced to life in prison
- 11-year-old daughter was traded for sex in exchange for heroin
- Mom injected child with heroin before dropping her off at drug dealer's house
- 11-year-old now living with relatives and receiving services

“This case is Exhibit A for how devastating heroin is to our communities.”





Manufacturing & Cultivation

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How do we get to 100%?

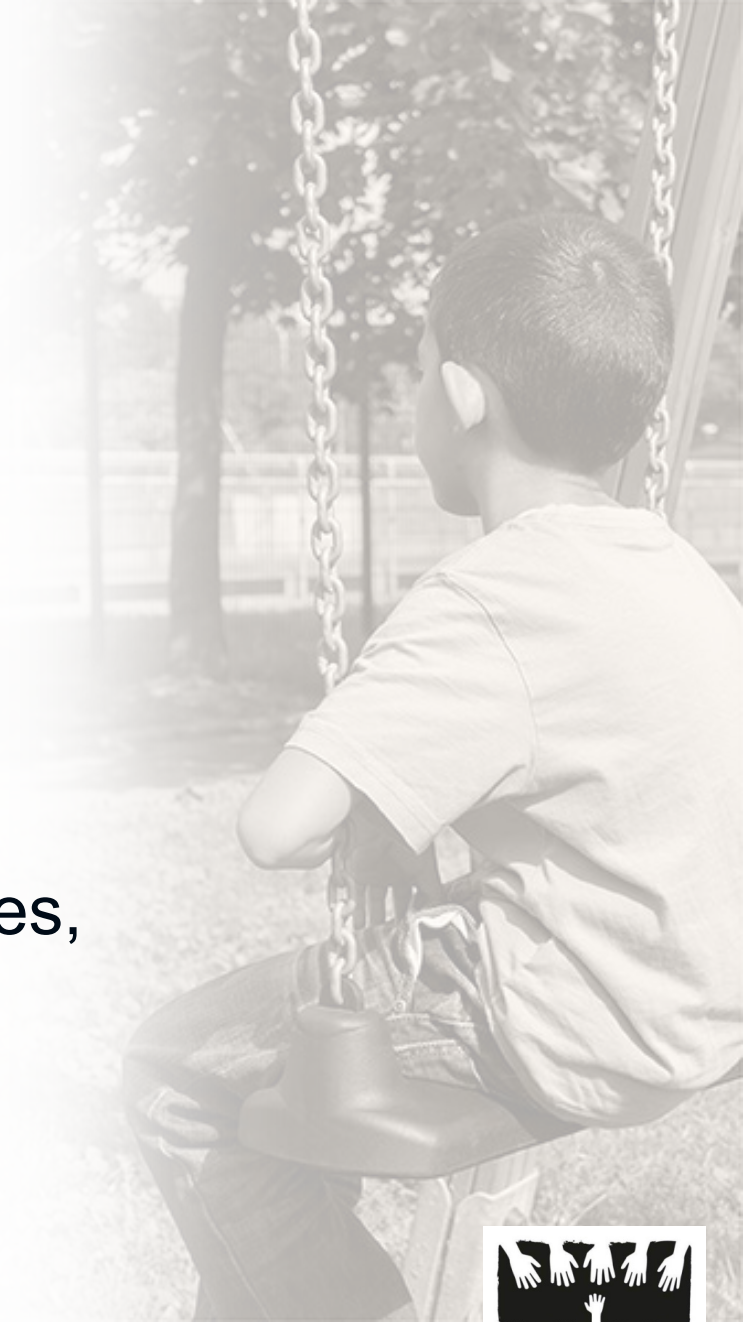
- Understand the long-term needs of drug endangered children
- Implement appropriate and effective intervention strategies



Understanding the Long-Term Needs of DEC

Children growing up in drug environments may experience:

- Emotional problems: anxiety, PTSD, complex emotions
- Behavioral problems: sexually act out, act out what they have seen
- Cognitive problems: inability to pick up on social cues, difficulty paying attention, delayed



Understanding the Long-Term Needs of DEC



The Importance of Intervention

- A report of child abuse/neglect is made every ten seconds
- Children who experience child abuse & neglect are
 - 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile
 - 28% more likely to be arrested as an adult
 - 30% more likely to commit violent crime
- 2/3s of the people in treatment for drug abuse reported being abused or neglected as children.



The Importance of Intervention

- On daughter's 10th birthday, daughter told teacher and school resource officer about drugs in her house.
- SRO advised taskforce of the information
- Task force executed search warrant and discovered meth lab
- Father's first phone call from jail



Courtesy of Eric Nation



The Importance of Intervention

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- Daughter arrested years later for felony theft
- Daughter has been in and out of the criminal justice system on numerous occasions



The Importance of Intervention

The *earlier* the intervention, the more efficient and effective the outcome.

BUT ... research and clinical trends *also* support the potential for change throughout life.



The Importance of Intervention

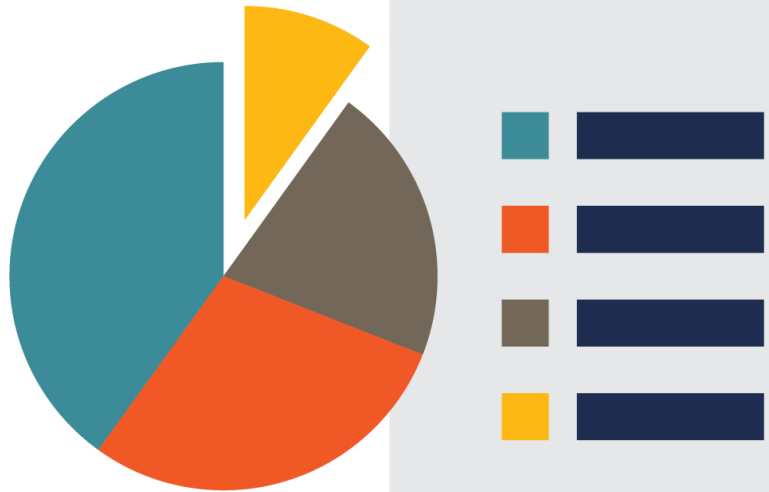
In other words...

It is never too early to intervene...

AND

It is never too late to intervene!

POLL



My community needs DEC efforts to assist in addressing the impact that substance abuse is having on children and families.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Not sure yet
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

National DEC Info

- National non-profit organization
- Functions as training and technical assistance center
- Works with federal, state, local, and tribal partners
- Works to institutionalize DEC efforts from identification to response to services and support
- Assists with development of promising practices; shares across country
- Partners on grants and funding
- Develops Alliances to institutionalize efforts



Destination – Successful DEC Alliance

Select a tab below to use the Interactive Roadmap

Roadmap & Toolkit Outline

Awareness

Implementation

Institutionalization



Roadmap to the DEC Approach





What is working?

Awareness: making more people aware of the problem

- Social media; QR codes; phone apps; fact sheets; brochures; training
- Assess the community: gather the data; what does it say?

Implementation: starting to identify what can help

- Collaboration with more disciplines
- Identifying and developing Promising Practices

Institutionalization: putting things into place that will outlive the epidemic

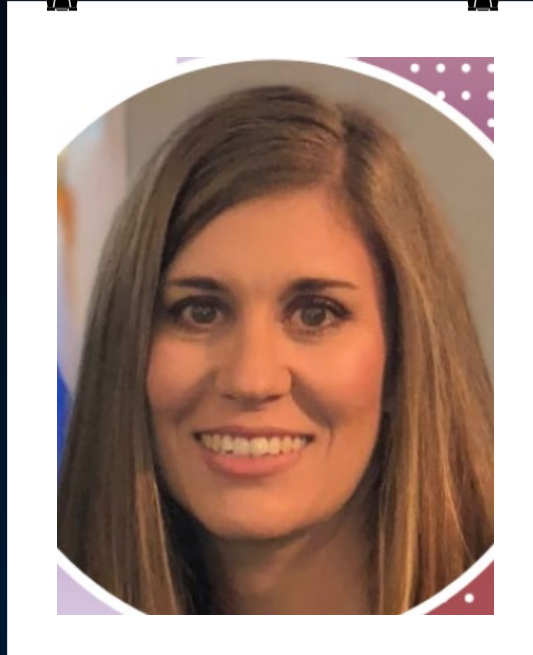
- Developing MOU's and protocols; bringing disciplines together
- Changing laws and policies as to how this looks and how we respond
- Setting up multidisciplinary alliances to continue to address the issues



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 - ✓ *Excited Delirium Syndrome*
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COSSAP Resources

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