

News Release



County of San Diego Methamphetamine Strike Force

Local teens join fight against methamphetamine

Poway High School students collect donations for meth’s most innocent victims — Drug Endangered Children

Who The San Diego County Methamphetamine Strike Force.

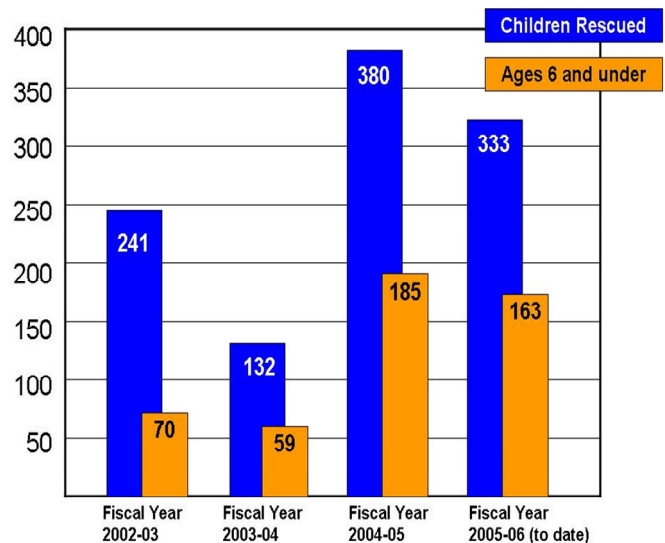
What News event to recognize Poway High School students in the Students Against Violence Everywhere club. They are bringing donated goods to social workers for the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program. DEC is a collaborative team where law enforcement, social workers, doctors and prosecutors work together with children at meth crime scenes to be sure children are screened and placed in a safe place.

Where News event at the Polinsky Children’s Center, 9400 Ruffin Ct #A, San Diego, CA.

When Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.

Why The Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program has expanded throughout every region in the county - without dedicated funding but with dedicated police officers, social workers, doctors and prosecutors who fit this unique response into their regular work. DEC rescues children from meth-infested homes, and Poway High students decided to collect donations to make the road a little less bumpy for children removed from their homes because of parental drug problems.

Drug Endangered Children Rescued In San Diego County



Goals

The San Diego County Methamphetamine Strike Force promotes DEC implementation, including:

- Seeking commitments from every law enforcement agency to provide training to all officers on how to use DEC teams;
- Asking the public to report suspicions of meth exposure to children by calling the Meth Hotline (1-877-No-2 meth or www.no2meth.org) or the Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-344-6000);
- Ask the public to follow the example of SAVE and make donations to DEC
- Continue to hold parents accountable and force the choice between meth or their children by making supervised treatment available.

Speakers

- Bill Wood, Deputy District Attorney and Chair of the California DEC Alliance
- Heather Hernandez and Joe Coleman, Co-Presidents of Students Against Violence Everywhere
- Debra Zanders-Willis, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency
- Rebecca Hernandez, President, Palomar Council PTA

Visuals

Photos, B-Roll video & CD available of meth labs and officers carrying babies out of meth homes.



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