

**METHAMPHETAMINE: IT'S IMPACT ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES**  
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**Fast Facts – (September 2005 – 2006)**

379 child protection referrals received – 9% of total population  
279 referral were accepted and opened as cases – 76% of total meth referrals  
Total cost for out of home care - \$258,540.00 = 14% of OOH costs  
Total cost for Core Service (Life Skills, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol) -  
\$\$151,107.00 = 8.3% of Core Service Cost  
Total OOH and Core for 279 cases = \$409,647.00 in one year

**Children in Need of Protection**

Severe neglect – 87%

- Lack of regard for child safety
- Severe omissions in care – traumatic/chaotic living environment
- Perinatal exposure

Increased risk for physical abuse

- Domestic violence - increased violent behavior toward children
- Meth Lab dangers – exposure, lethality, serious health implications

Increase risk for sexual abuse

Sexual life style of adults, pornography, exposure to adult sex offenders

Negative implications on child's physical and emotional welfare

- Trauma from abuse/neglect
- Exposure to violence
- Children experience multiple losses  
Loss of life, parents due to overdose, family and community connections

**Trends**

Meth abuse and domestic violence

Co-occurring disorders

Multi-generational abuse of meth

Families willing to be involved

**Lessons Learned**

Expect relapse and plan for it

Integration of case management, evaluation and treatment is most effective

Inpatient care that extends beyond 30 days is needed for some

Community inclusion and aftercare is essential

Families do get better!!!!!!

## *Restoring Families - Building Community*

### Identification of Drug Endangered Children

- IGA – Joint Investigations
- Mandatory Staff training
- Assessment Protocols
- PVH Substance Abuse Task Force – Perinatal Drug Use

### Helping families succeed with recovery

- Integrated Model of Intervention
- Community Voucher Program
- Concurrent Planning for children

### Partnering with other agencies

- Member of LCDEC
- Member of CO DEC
- In-service training on mandated reporting and drug endangered children
- LC Drug Task Force – fast track system