

West Virginia's

Drug Endangered Children Conference



*Protecting our Children
Empowering our Communities*



**September 19-20, 2012
Charleston Marriott Town Center**

Sponsored by:

WV Prosecuting Attorneys Institute

WV Drug Endangered Children Task Force

WV Department of Health and Human Resources

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia



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“The work we do for ourselves follows us to the grave. The work we do for our community lives on forever.” ~ Theodore Roosevelt

Course Description

The 2012 WV Drug Endangered Children Conference is a one and a half day event providing pertinent information and training for professionals in West Virginia’s Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program. Included in the conference will be updates on new developments in law enforcement, prosecution, child protection, substance abuse, research, medical treatment and environmental health.

Who Should Attend

Law Enforcement, Child Protection Workers, Prosecutors, Medical Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Treatment Providers, Courts, Probation/Parole, Corrections, Victim Advocates, Drug Court Personnel, Day Report, Teachers, CASAs, Youth Workers, Paramedics, EMTs, Hospital Social Workers, Foster Parents, and the Faith Community.

Conference Objectives

This educational offering will enable participants to:

1. Review key components of a DEC Program and provide an overview of the best practices for protection and treatment for drug endangered children throughout the State of West Virginia.
2. Increase awareness of resources available to respond to prescription drug abuse and the methamphetamine epidemic.
3. Understand the psychological and social effects on children who are exposed to illegal drug activity. Understand how to help children in at-risk environments to respond positively to treatment efforts.
4. Work with child protective services to better address the needs of children affected from drug endangered environments and train staff state-wide to ensure safety of children and workers in our communities.
5. Provide training to law enforcement on successful investigative techniques for narcotic cases.
6. Raise awareness and understanding of the drugs affecting WV children and families and the devastating effects of substance abuse on children.

For more information about the conference, contact:

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WV Drug Endangered Children Coordinator
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“There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other wings.”

~ *William Hodding Carter, Jr.*



Lodging

Conference participants will need to make their own room reservations at the Charleston Marriott by calling the Marriott Reservation Line at 800-228-9290 or (304) 345-6500. Ask for the “WDR” room block. Reservations must be made by August 28, 2012 to guarantee the discounted group rate of \$95 per night. Hotel room rates are subject to state and local taxes.

Parking

The on-site parking fee at the Marriott is \$8 daily. You may park at the Charleston Town Center Mall directly across the street for a fee of \$1.75 daily.

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be requested for the following disciplines:



- Attorneys
- The Law Enforcement Training Subcommittee
- WV Board of Social Work Examiners
- WV Board of Examiners in Counseling
- WV Nursing Board
- Domestic Violence Advocates
- WV Board of Examiners of Psychology
- WV Certification Board for Addiction & Prevention Professionals

Exhibit Information

If you are interested in exhibiting at the 2012 Drug Endangered Children Conference, please contact Andrea Darr at 304-558-3348 or by email at Andrea.L.Darr@wv.gov. Exhibitors must register for the conference but there is no extra cost to exhibit. We have space for 20 exhibitors.

“When children grow up in violent homes, they must find a way to preserve a sense of trust in people who are untrustworthy, safety in a situation that is unsafe, control in a situation that is terrifyingly unpredictable, power in a situation of helplessness.”

Dr. Judith Herman





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AGENDA

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm On-Site Registration and Information

1:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Identifying Drug Endangered Children: A Collaborative Approach

Sgt. Courtney Pero, Plano, TX Police Department



Ignored, abused, and abandoned – these are some of the chronic conditions experienced by children raised in environments where there is illegal drug use, manufacturing, cultivation and distribution.

Drug endangered children are part of a very large, and growing population of children whose lives have been seriously and negatively impacted by dangerous drugs. Thousands of these children across our state go unnoticed and do not receive the necessary care and treatment to heal from these abusive environments. If ignored and left unmonitored, these children continue to be victims caught in a cycle of drug abuse. The primary challenge with illegal substance abuse and drug endangered children is in aligning systems responsible for preventing, intervening, and treating these issues to achieve common outcomes.

The National Strategy for Drug Endangered Children focuses on the formation of multi-disciplinary partnerships that take advantage of existing agency personnel, resources, and responsibilities and coordinate their mutual interests and duties to meet the specific needs of these children. The focus on these children's needs is throughout the entire process until the child is in a permanent, safe and positive functioning environment. This session will look at overcoming the challenges in aligning systems responsible for preventing, intervening, and treating these issues to achieve common outcomes.

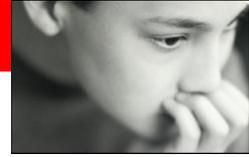
Courtney Pero

Sergeant, Plano, TX Police Department

Sergeant Courtney Pero is a seventeen-year veteran of the Plano (TX) Police Department. He is presently assigned to the Criminal Investigative Services Division, where he supervises the day-to-day operations of the Narcotics Unit, which is composed of undercover and non-undercover investigators.

Sergeant Pero is a member of the Texas Narcotics Officers Association, and the Texas Gang Investigators Association. He has been active with the Texas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (Texas DEC) since its inception and was involved in the creation of the Texas DEC protocols for law enforcement, CPS and medical personnel. He is a member of the National DEC Criminal Justice Working Group and is a certified Core DEC trainer.

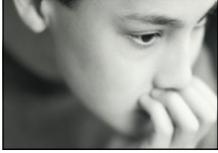
Sergeant Pero holds a Master Peace Officer License and an instructor certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). He is a graduate of the School of Police Supervision at The Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) and is an instructor in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) program.



AGENDA

Thursday, September 20, 2012

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** On-Site Registration and Information
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am** **WV Drug Endangered Children**
*Philip Morrison, Executive Director, Prosecuting Attorneys Institute
 Booth Goodwin, U.S. Attorneys Office for the Southern District of WV*
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am** **WV Drug Trends**
*Chad Napier
 Commander of MDENT Drug Task Force*
- 10:00 am - 10:15 am** **BREAK**
- 10:15 am - 11:15am** **One Pot Methamphetamine**
*Lt. Eddie Hawkins
 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics*
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm** **Designer Drugs: Bath Salts & K2 Spice**
*Courtney Pero
 CISD, Narcotics Unit, Plano Police Department, TX*
- 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm** **LUNCH (on your own)**
- 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm** **CPS & LE: A working Model in WV**
Laurea Ellis, WV DHHR, CPS Supervisor, Parkersburg
- 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm** **Considerations in Prosecuting DEC Cases**
*Brian Parsons
 Fayette County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney*
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm** **Updates on the Law**
*Ariana Kincaid
 WVPAl, Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor*
- 2:30 pm - 2:45 pm** **BREAK**
- 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm** **Drug Endangered Children: A Judge's Perspective**
*Judge Skinner
 County Court Judge, District 3, Jackson Mississippi*
- 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm** **I Didn't Know It at the Time - but I was a Drug Endangered Child**
*C.K. Garner
 Deputy, Doddridge County Sheriff's Department*
- 5:00** **Adjourn**
Have a safe trip home.



Faculty

Laurea Ellis, MA, LSW

Social Service Coordinator for Wood County DHHR

Laurea Ellis is a Social Services Coordinator for DHHR in Wood County, WV . She started her career in 1995 in the DHHR office in Kanawha County . She moved to the front line in Wood County as a CPS worker in August 1996 until 2008. In 2008 Laurea spent 14 months in the Wood County Prosecutors Office as a victim advocate before going back to the department as the social services coordinator in 2009. She graduated with a BSW from WV State in 1996 and received her masters in psychology from Marshall in 2001. Laurea sits on many boards in Wood County dealing with victim issues associated with child maltreatment and domestic violence.

C.K. Garner

Deputy, Doddridge County Sherriff's Department

Deputy Chris Garner is a deputy with the Doddridge County Sheriff's Department, a position he has held since 2006. He is also a WV State certified EMT with 20 years of service in Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Deputy Garner knows first hand what it is like to be a drug endangered child and uses this knowledge when working cases involving drugs and child abuse in Doddridge County, WV.

Lt. Eddie Hawkins

Field Coordinator, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics

Lt. Eddie Hawkins is the Methamphetamine Field Coordinator for the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics (MBN), where he has worked since 2000. In an ancillary role, he coordinates the federally sponsored Drug-Endangered Children Program for the State of Mississippi in which he teaches a 40-hour clandestine lab certification course to MBN personnel as well as other state and local agencies. Over the past four years, his agency sponsored 12 courses that led to the certification of approximately 300 state and local agents across Mississippi and also participated in public awareness activities regarding the program.

Lt. Hawkins began his law enforcement career in 1990, working as an auxiliary patrol officer for the Columbus (Mississippi) Police Department. At the CPD he answered calls for service and worked traffic investigations and special details. From there, in 1992, he went to work for the Aberdeen (Mississippi) Police Department as a full-time officer, working in the patrol division, criminal investigations and narcotics. In 1995, Lt. Hawkins returned to the CPD as a full-time officer, where he worked in the patrol division for approximately a year before transferring to the Columbus Metro Narcotics Unit. At the CMNU he was assigned to the MBN as a special contract agent as well as to the FBI as a special federal agent attached to an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Lt. Hawkins is a 1993 graduate of a 10-week, 400-hour basic law enforcement course offered by the North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy in Tupelo, Mississippi; a 2000 graduate of the seven-week MBN Basic Agent School; a 2008 graduate of a 10-week Certified Investigators Program sponsored by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in Pearl, Mississippi; a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Command College in Oxford, Mississippi, sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and he holds a certificate of completion from a two-week Drug Unit Commanders Academy sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.



“I don’t believe we can have justice without caring, or caring without justice. These are inseparable aspects of life and work.” ~ *Justine Wise Polier*

Faculty

Ariana Kincaid, J.D.

WVPAI, Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor

Ariana Kincaid is on staff at the WV Prosecuting Attorneys Institute as the Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor. Prior to this position, she worked in the Kanawha County Prosecutor’s Office in Abuse and Neglect from 2001 to 2012. She is involved with Finding Words West Virginia, initially as an actor and presently as an instructor. She is a founding member of Heart of Appalachia Roller Derby, the Kanawha Valley’s newest women’s flat-track roller derby team. She graduated from Alderson-Broaddus College with a BA in Political Science in 1993 and received her law degree from WV College of Law in 1996.

Chad Napier

Commander of the METRO Drug Task Force

Chad Napier has been working in law enforcement in West Virginia for the last 17 years and with the Charleston Police Department since 1995. From 1997 to 2000, he was assigned to the CPD Street Crimes Unit with the primary duties of investigation, arrest and prosecution of street level drug dealers. From November of 2000 to September of 2002, he was assigned as a detective with the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) with the primary duties of investigation and prosecution of state and federal drug violations. In 2002 he was assigned as a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Charleston, WV and remained until 2005. From 2005 to January of 2006, he was assigned to MDENT as a supervisor. His primary duty with MDENT was the supervision of drug unit investigators and investigations. In January of 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the CPD Patrol Division as a shift commander. After graduating the FBI National Academy in September of 2007, he was transferred to the Housing Division as the commander. On March 2, 2009 he was appointed as the Commander of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). Chad has worked on hundreds of drug related arrests and drug violations. He has also been declared as an expert witness in illegal drug possession and distribution in many state and federal courts.

Judge William Skinner

County Court Judge, District 3, Jackson Mississippi

Judge William Skinner is a County Court Judge in Jackson Mississippi. He has been in that position since 2006. In 2007 he initiated and currently presides over the Youth Drug Court Program. Prior to becoming an attorney, Judge Skinner was a law enforcement officer from 1980 to 1994. Judge Skinner received his bachelors degree (1994), masters (1995), and law degree from the Mississippi College School of Law in 1998. He has made justice for children a hallmark of his legal career.

“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . . But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.”

~*Forest E. Witcraft*

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To register online with a credit card go to: <https://apps.wv.gov/rs/pai/conference/>

To register with a check please complete the registration form using the name/title/agency as it is to appear on the attendance certificate.

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Registration & Payments: The conference registration fee is \$40. After September 7, the late registration fee is \$65. Make checks payable to "WV PAA" Mail completed registration form and payment to:

**2012 WV DEC Conference
c/o Pam Schafer
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South Charleston, WV 25303**

Questions? For questions and concerns about the registration process, please contact Pam Schafer at 304-558-3348 or via email at Mary.P.Schafer@wv.gov

Cancellations: No refunds will be given for "no shows" or cancellations. If you must cancel your conference registration, please contact Pam immediately. Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE, but may be transferred to another individual within your agency.