

Governor's Methamphetamine Working Group

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Nevada Statewide
Coalition Partnership



Supporting a network of community coalitions
to promote a healthy Nevada



Statewide Partnership and Community Coalitions Overview

- SWP members
- Makeup of community prevention coalitions
- Role of community coalitions
- Prevention approach
 - Community-based strategic prevention
 - Multiple strategies across multiple sectors



Examples of Statewide Collaborative Strategies

- Underage drinking initiatives
- Marijuana ballot question
- Governor's Youth Advisory Council
- Common database
- Cross mentoring



Current Methamphetamine Groups in Nevada

- Current communities' responses to the methamphetamine epidemic
- Activities to date
- Funding used to date
- Identified strategies needing funding



Common Strategies Identified

1. Continue education and training efforts across all sectors in the community

- Teachers
- Social workers
- Parents
- Youth
- Law enforcement
- Mental health professionals
- Businesses
- Nurses
- Counselors
- School and community-based meth curriculum



Common Strategies Identified (cont.)

2. Continue and expand environmental strategies campaigns

- Community awareness
- Media
- Advocacy
- Signage
- Policy changes
- Information dissemination

Saturation of the entire community



Common Strategies Identified (cont.)

3. Support law enforcement

- Specialized training
- Staffing
- Prevention support
- Community policing

4. Intervention and re-entry programs

- Collaborate with drug courts
- Circle of support for people in recovery and their families



Common Strategies Identified (cont.)

5. Drug endangered children protocols

6. Continue support of evidence-based prevention programming

- Mentoring programs
- After-school and in-school programs
- Parenting programs



Other Strategies Identified

- Address generational drug abuse
- Address ID theft
- Address credit fraud
- Address dumpster diving
- Systems for gathering local data specific to meth



Benefits of Community Coalitions

- Already established systems of collaboration with synergy – can hit the ground running
- Meth prevention plans are tailored to communities
- Work with a collaboration of local leaders and not just one agency
- Ability to build on current strategies
- Access to easily replicable strategies
- Effective use of local and state resources



Our Humble Funding Recommendations

- Continue to fund community-based prevention
- Use current system of SAPTA to allocate money to communities
- Allow communities to submit detailed plans related to methamphetamine epidemic based on individual community needs and established state-wide priorities