

## About the Conference:

### Overview:

Drug Endangered Children (DEC) are part of a very large and growing population of children whose lives have been seriously and negatively impacted by parental or caregiver drug abuse.



Hundreds of children across Iowa go unnoticed and do not receive the necessary intervention and care to heal from these abusive environments. The purpose of this Conference is to provide best practices in identifying and caring for drug endangered children.

### Intended Audience:

This conference is intended for professionals who work with drug endangered children and their families including those from law enforcement, human services, prosecution, healthcare, mental health, substance abuse treatment and prevention, child development, and education.

### Conference Objectives—Participants will be able to:

- Describe the protective factors of resiliency and how to increase them in children living in drug endangered environments.
- Explain the concept that drug endangered children are children of promise.
- Identify the impact professionals can make in the life of a drug endangered child.
- Apply best practices in caring for drug endangered children and collaborating with members of the multidisciplinary team.

The breakout sessions will offer a variety of options for additional education and will enhance participants' understanding of:

- The impact of secondary traumatic stress on providers.
- Procedures for successfully removing drug endangered children from their homes.
- Synthetic drugs of abuse, including those sold as "incense" or "bath salts."
- The implementation and goals of a therapeutic camp for drug endangered children.
- Reasons and ideas for including non-traditional DEC partners in the development of strategies and operations.
- Challenges faced by military personnel and the implications, including PTSD and substance abuse, of deployment and reintegration for them and their families.
- The family dynamics of addiction.



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## Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Conference

### Monday, March 26, 2012



**The Meadows Events & Conference Center**  
**Altoona, Iowa**

## REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$65.00

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 19

Registrations must be paid in full.

Substitutions are allowed - **NO REFUNDS** will be given.

**Register on-line at [www.iowadec.net](http://www.iowadec.net)**

Go to the "Iowa DEC Conference" Page

Credit Card Payment Only

**Mail-in Registration Form - Checks only if registering via mail.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Needs:  Vegetarian  Gluten Free  Other,

please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Breakout sessions - mark first and second choice:

Session 1  A  B  C  D

Session 2  A  B  C  D

Checks should be made out to:

**Blank Children's Hospital**

Please send mail-in registrations with payment to:

Blank Children's Hospital

Attn: Casey Polk

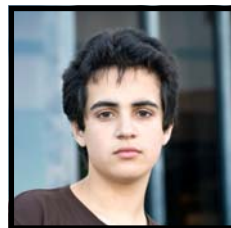
1200 Pleasant Street

Des Moines, IA 50309

## More Information:

### Fee:

\$65 per person includes refreshments, lunch and conference materials.



### Iowa DEC Merchandise:

DEC t-shirts, umbrellas and mugs will be available for purchase!

The shirts are \$10.00 and the mugs and umbrellas are \$5.00 a piece.

### Continuing Education:

Approved for 0.36 CEUs by Iowa Board of Nursing Provider #31, Iowa Health-Des Moines and 6.75 Substance Abuse CEUs, Category A by IBC. Approval is pending for EMT CEUs, CLEs, and Foster Parent In-Service Hours. Approved continuing education will be posted to the Iowa DEC Conference page of the Iowa DEC web site ([www.iowadec.net](http://www.iowadec.net)) as received.

This program meets the requirements for approval of CEU credits by the Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners, the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science Examiners and the Iowa Board of Psychology Examiners. Sign-in sheets will be available.

### Location:

Prairie Meadows  
The Meadows Events & Convention Center  
1 Prairie Meadows Drive  
Altoona, Iowa 50009-0901

### Near-by hotel accommodations:

Prairie Meadows Hotel (opening in early 2012) -  
<http://prairiemeadows.com/hotel.cfm>  
Settle Inn (515) 967-7888  
Adventureland Inn (515) 265-7321  
Howard Johnson Express (515) 967-4886  
Holiday Inn Express (515) 987-1855

### Questions:

Questions can be directed to Becky Swift, Office of Drug Control Policy, 515-725-0301 or [becky.swift@iowa.gov](mailto:becky.swift@iowa.gov)

## Agenda

- 7:30-8:00 a Registration and Breakfast
- 8:00-8:15 a Opening Remarks  
National Anthem  
Flag Ceremony, Central Campus JROTC
- 8:15-8:30 a Legacy  
Sheriff Bill McCarthy, MPA  
Polk County Sheriff's Office
- 8:30-10:00 a Blooming in the Heartland: Why some children thrive against all odds  
Jenny Gomez, MS  
Jenny Gomez Counseling
- 10:00-10:15 a Break
- 10:15-11:45 a Breakout Session 1 (select one):
- A. Changing Outcomes for Drug Endangered Children: A multidisciplinary response*  
Jennifer Sleiter, ARNP, CPNP  
Regional Child Protection Center, Des Moines
- B. Camp Hope: A therapeutic camp for drug endangered children*  
Mary Buhman and Ashley Christiansen  
Cherokee County DEC Alliance
- C. Disruptive Partnerships: Making changes for children by engaging partners outside our comfort zone*  
Jim Copple  
Strategic Applications, Inc.
- D. How to Successfully Complete a DEC Removal*  
Scott Nicholson, JD; Aaron Groves; Andi Borsch  
Jasper County DEC Alliance
- 11:45 a -1:00 p Lunch (provided)  
HOPE! Drama Troupe Presentation  
I.D.E.A. Awards Presentation, Office of Drug Control Policy
- 1:00-2:30 p Breakout Session 2 (select one):
- A. Managing Secondary Traumatic Stress: Extending the shelf life of those who work with the drug endangered child*  
Brenda Bash, MS  
Polk County Crisis & Advocacy Services
- B. Returning Veterans and PTSD: The impact on families*  
Steven D. Hagemoser, Ph.D.  
Veterans Administration Central Iowa Health Care System
- C. Family Healing: Understanding and helping families heal from the disease of addiction*  
Jenny Gomez, MS
- D. K2, JWH, 2C-E, MDPV: The alphabet soup of emerging drugs*  
Linda Kalin, RN; Bruce Reeve; Dan Voogt, JD; Dale Woolery
- 2:30-2:45 p Break
- 2:45-4:15 p Moving Drug Endangered Children to Empowered Children: Mobilizing communities to build the resilient child.  
Jim Copple
- 4:15-4:30 p Closing Remarks & Evaluations

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