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House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 urges the Department of Health and Social Services to take the lead in establishing a meth watch program in Alaska, by applying for available grants, and encouraging and assisting communities to apply for funding from both government and private sources.



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For Immediate Release

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Kansas Meth Watch Program is a Model for 12 Other States

If imitation is the highest form of flattery, then the state of Kansas has received its share of flattery from across the nation in the fight against drugs. The *Kansas Meth Watch Program* is being considered for implementation or has been copied by several cities, counties, and state-agencies in 12 states.

The purpose of the *Meth Watch* program is to limit the accessibility of meth key chemical ingredients (precursors), to reduce the amount of meth precursors stolen or sold, and to provide law enforcement agencies with valuable information when a suspicious transaction takes place. Additionally, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) provides a training video for Kansas retail stores to use in their efforts to limit access to products that are used to make illegal methamphetamine.

KDHE provides the video free of charge to retailers as part of the Meth Watch Program. The training video provides retail store managers and employees with information on ways to limit the availability of meth precursor products, as well as how to best work with law enforcement. The KDHE-funded video is available not only to retailers, but to all interested parties and can viewed on the *Meth Watch Program Web site*.

Partners of the *Kansas Retailer Meth Watch Program* include Albertson's, Casey's General Stores, Dillon's, Dollar General, Food4Less, Fleming Foods, Green Lantern Stores, IGA, the Kansas Retail Council, K-mart, Osco Drug Stores, the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas, Phillips 66, Prevention and Recovery Services of Shawnee County, SafeStreets, Target, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart. KDHE, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and a team of Kansas retailers established the *Kansas Meth Watch Program* in 2000 to combat the manufacture and use of meth in the state. The *Meth Watch Program* encourages all distributors and retailers that sell pseudoephedrine-containing products and other meth precursors to participate in this program.

During the last several months, KDHE has assisted 12 states or portions of the state with implementing the *Meth Watch Program*. Those states include:

Alabama	Alaska	Arkansas
Iowa	Oklahoma	Oregon
North Carolina	North Dakota	Pennsylvania
Tennessee	Washington	Wyoming

All of the implementing organizations work toward the same goals as the *Kansas Meth Watch Program* and have agreed to use KDHE's trademarked program logo. Each state must agree to only change the name of the state so that the logo becomes recognized nationwide.

For more information, contact T.J. Ciaffone at (785) 368-7301, or visit our Web site at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/methlabs.

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Kansas Meth Watch Program Gains Attention as National Model

Office of National Drug Control Policy Supports KS Meth Watch Program; Trade Group Endorses KS Program

A drug prevention program that has contributed to a 27 percent reduction in methamphetamine (meth) lab seizures in Kansas over the past three years has been adopted as a national model to reduce or eliminate meth labs in more than 20 states.

The Kansas Retailers' Meth Watch Program was developed at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) as a coordinated effort between retailers and law enforcement in the fight against methamphetamine production and abuse.

Scott Burns, the Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy calls the Kansas Retailer's Meth Watch Program another useful tool in combating meth production in the United States. In addition, the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) adopted the Meth Watch Program as a national model for other states and retailers.

Attendees of a July workshop represented 22 states interested in establishing and implementing their own statewide programs. Those states include the following:

Alabama	Arkansas	Arizona
California	Georgia	Iowa
Illinois	Indiana	Louisiana
Michigan	Minnesota	Montana
North Carolina	New York	Pennsylvania
Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee
Texas	Utah	Virginia
Washington		

Additionally, Alaska, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon and Wyoming have asked KDHE for assistance in setting up their state's Meth Watch Program.

The purpose of the Meth Watch program is to limit the accessibility of meth-manufacturing ingredients, or precursors, to reduce the amount of meth precursors stolen or sold, and to provide law enforcement with valuable information when a suspicious transaction takes place. The program provides retail store managers and employees with information on ways to limit the availability of meth precursors, how to best work with law enforcement, as well as how to protect themselves from in-store inventory loss.

All of the states working to implement the Kansas Meth Watch Program have agreed to or will agree to use the logo that the Kansas Meth Watch members designed and KDHE trademarked almost three years ago. Each state must agree to only change the name of the state so that the logo remains recognized nationwide.

KDHE has agreed to allow CHPA to distribute the trademarked logo and program information on its behalf to interested parties and states.

Partners of the Kansas Retailer Meth Watch Program include Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project, the Kansas Retail Council, Albertson's, Casey's General Stores, Dillon's, Dollar General, Food4Less, Fleming Foods, Green Lantern Stores, IGA, the K-mart, Osco Drug Stores, the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas, Phillips 66, Target, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart.

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Meth Watch Program in United States



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Participation

- Meth Watch program training or interest

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SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTION REPORT

Methamphetamine manufactures can produce large quantities of methamphetamine by using legal, over-the-counter products located in your stores. Please fill out the following information, if you suspect someone involved in the illegal production of methamphetamine, and contact the Kansas Bureau of Investigation at 1-800-KS-CRIME and provide to the KBI the information that you have noted.

Business Name, Store Number and Store Location: _____

Employee Name, Date and Time of Contact: _____

Security Photo/Photo Available Yes or No

SUSPECT INFORMATION: Height____Weight____Age____Race____Sex____Build____

Hair Color____Hair Length____Facial Hair____

Other Information_____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Cash Payment____Receipt____

Check Payment____Name____Address_____

Credit Payment____Name____Card Name/Number_____

VEHICLE INFORMATION: Make____Model____Color____Vehicle Plate#____State____

Other Information_____

CHEMICAL PURCHASED: Pseudoephedrine____Heet____Lithium Batteries____

Starting Fluid/Ether____Camping Fuel____Iodine____Matches____Acetone____Alcohol____

Acid____Fuel Additives____Drain Cleaners____Coffee Filters____

Other Information:_____

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Community Awareness

Public awareness is a key strategy in the fight against meth production and use. Law enforcement agencies across the country recognize the direct link between education of citizens and the capture of meth manufacturers.

Successful prevention programs start early, are comprehensive, and repeatedly stress key points. Effective prevention begins with an assessment of the specific nature of the meth problem within your local community and then adapting the program accordingly.

General prevention principles are outlined in the National Institute on Drug Abuse's research based booklet entitled, *Preventing Drug Use among Children and Adolescents*.

All public awareness initiatives should always be tailored to the target audience. For example, specific presentations have been created for home visitors such as child protective workers, utility workers, and cable operators as well as presentations customized for the community's first responders.

Some public awareness efforts implemented in Kansas and other states include:

- Mock meth labs created and utilized for presentation
- Educational information distributed at schools
- Facts about meth shown at movie theaters
- Meth Watch signs posted at city limits
- Neighborhood watch meeting to educate the community about meth
- Production of public service announcements
- Display boards for community events

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Meth Watch Materials

More Information

Meth Watch "members" can download these Meth Watch materials by [clicking here](#).

To find out how to become a member of the Meth Watch team, contact CHPA's Elizabeth Assey.



Looking out for our communities



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Spokane County



Meth Watch Program

WHAT IS METH WATCH?

The Spokane County Meth Action Team and the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council (GSSAC) felt an urgent need to help curtail drug lab activity by making the theft or purchase of precursor ingredients more difficult. The Washington Meth Watch Program was modeled after a program designed by the Kansas Department of Health, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and a team of Kansas retailers; they have generously shared their program with us.

If you have noticed the increase in theft or large quantity purchases of precursor products, your store is likely, and involuntarily, contributing to the deadly meth problem in Washington. Participation in Meth Watch aims to decrease theft and the likelihood of meth "cookers" viewing your store as a supplier in drug production. Since inception, it has grown from a core group of retailers using signage, educating employees, and reporting suspicious activity, to a broad membership of businesses linked together to prevent theft, fraud, and abuse in our community.

We encourage any business that sells precursors or experiences drug related theft, fraud, or abuse to become a member. Thank you to the businesses that have led this effort in Spokane County and been a model for Washington State.

Spokane County Initial Members:

Safeway, Yoke's Foods, Albertsons, Rosauers, Securitas Security Services, Inc., Tidyman's, and Rite Aid.

LEAD AGENCIES:

- Spokane County Meth Action Team
- Spokane County Sheriff's Office
- Spokane Police Department

SUPPORTING AGENCIES:

- Spokane County SCOPE
- Spokane City COPS
- The Better Business Bureau of Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, and Montana
- Comet Press

COORDINATED BY:

Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council (GSSAC)
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Gssacpreventioncenter.com

INITIALLY FUNDED BY:

- Washington State Patrol
- Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- WA State Meth Initiative

Meth prevention takes TEAMWORK!

WHAT ARE "PRECURSORS"?

Meth is made using readily available products obtained from retail, convenience, grocery, granges, automotive, and veterinary supply stores. Over-the-counter cold and allergy medications often contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, the most critical ingredient in the production of methamphetamine. The manufacturing process also uses ingredients such as lithium batteries, acetone, starter fluid, drain cleaner, rock or table salt, lye, matchbooks, rubbing alcohol, muriatic acid, and gasoline additives. As you can see, these items are available in many stores and most are probably found in your house or garage.

Anhydrous ammonia is another precursor commonly used in the meth process. It is usually stolen from tanks located on farms and ag dealer distribution facilities. Anhydrous ammonia is an extremely dangerous chemical, venting to a gas at -28° F. Thieves will commonly damage the valves or hose on the tanks, which can cause a life-threatening situation. If an unsuspecting employee or grower is unaware of the damage to the hose and opens the valve, escaping anhydrous could cause chemical and temperature burns and even result in fatal injury.

The availability of the products needed for producing meth contributes to the growing meth problem in our state. Because meth users become their own drug suppliers by becoming meth "cooks", the dangers associated with the labs themselves increase the urgency of a retailer assistance program.

WHAT ARE THE METH PRECURSORS & EQUIPMENT?

- Ephedrine or Pseudoephedrine (cold or allergy tablets)
- Matches
- Road Flares
- Starter Fluid/Ether
- Isopropyl or Rubbing Alcohol
- Rock or Table Salt
- Sodium Hydroxide/Lye
- Camping Fuel
- Sulfuric Acid (Drain cleaner)
- Acetone
- Gas Additives (HEET)
- Paint Thinner
- Iodine
- Toluene (Brake cleaner)
- MSM (Cutting agent)
- Muriatic Acid
- Anhydrous Ammonia
- Lithium Batteries
- Coffee Filters
- Aluminum Foil
- Assorted Glassware
- Propane Tanks
- Coolers
- Dry Ice



WHAT'S IN IT FOR MEMBERS?

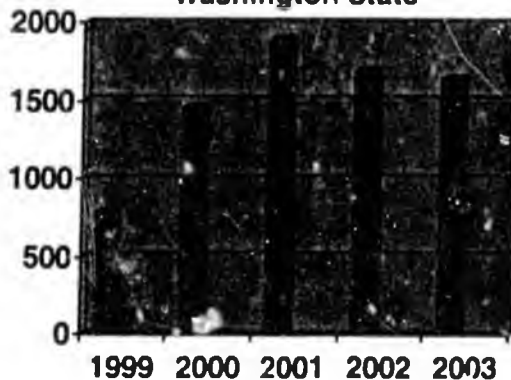
The most common question asked by a business considering signing up for the Washington Meth Watch Program is "How will my business benefit from participating in the Meth Watch Program?" The benefits to your store include a combination of social, economic, and safety factors such as:

SOCIAL: Most citizens of Washington are very concerned about the availability of drugs in their neighborhoods. Helping law enforcement fight the war on drugs provides community awareness for the business owner and their patrons. Membership also allows participants to connect with other retailers, businesses, financial institutions, and law enforcement through meetings, a monthly newsletter, and Email Tree.

ECONOMIC: One of the goals of Meth Watch is to limit the sale or theft of precursors for improper use. Precursors can be easily identified by shelf stickers under the products, which will deter cooks from approaching the products due to increased awareness of the illegal use of these products. The precursors not limited due to sale restrictions or product management will still be identified, making employees and customers another pair of eyes for your store. The increased awareness by business employees, patrons, and the meth "cooks" will hopefully reduce theft and large quantity purchases, as well as fraud and abuse.

SAFETY: Meth Watch Program participants believe that customers will feel safer in your store if you take a proactive approach to preventing improper purchases or theft of precursor items. Often meth "cooks" are on a drug-induced high and possibly feeling paranoid, or worse yet, are overly aggressive, making employee and customer safety an issue. Meth Watch hopes to capitalize on the paranoia and make the "cook" want to go elsewhere for the purchase or theft. Strong interaction with local law enforcement, by reporting suspicious activity, also helps provide that sense of safety. Meth Watch strongly supports and encourages the exchange of information with law enforcement officials.

Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup
DOE - Spill Response
Washington State



Increased employee awareness of our state's meth problem will provide your establishment the resources to be a responsible steward and assist in the fight against crime and drugs. Your business will benefit from a more aggressive stance on clandestine drug labs in the state, in addition to the goodwill your involvement will produce in the community.

WHAT DOES THE METH WATCH PROGRAM INVOLVE?

What's next? You have decided that the Meth Watch Program could have a positive influence on your business and community - CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE TEAM! The Meth Watch Program has many options to choose from, with selection of options depending on the type of business, layout, manpower, etc. The main areas of the program include: employee training, signage, and suspicious activity reporting.

TRAINING POSTER: A training poster placed in employee break rooms will provide repeated exposure to the types of products that are commonly purchased or stolen by a meth "cook."

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PRESENTATION: Upon request, one hour presentations are available, which provide general information regarding meth use, production, prevention, treatment, child endangerment, etc.

SIGNAGE: The Meth Watch Program focuses on creating an awareness of why certain products, or a variety of products, are stolen or purchased in abnormally high quantities. **Window stickers** greet patrons at the door, identifying your participation in Meth Watch and raising their awareness. Placement of **shelf stickers** help store employees and the general public become more familiar with these products. Paranoid meth "cooks" will not want people watching them linger around these target products. **Cash register stickers** are placed at the checkout counter as a final reminder that this store is aware of the meth problem. The stickers also remind the checkout clerk to be on the lookout for suspicious purchases. The Washington Team members believe that the signage serves the dual purpose of putting criminals on notice and letting good customers know your store is taking steps to reduce the use and production of meth in your community through strong community partnerships and proactive involvement.

PRODUCT MANAGEMENT: Product management addresses the strategic placement of precursor products in areas that will help deter theft or suspicious purchases of large quantities. Customers will often question why the products are not readily available. In most cases, a brief explanation of Meth Watch by handing them an **Informational "tear-off" sheet** will satisfy their questions and typically will result in their strong support for the program. Some strategic management practices include the following:

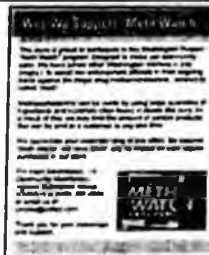
- **Limit the quantity of precursor products available on the shelf.** This should reduce the amount of theft or excessive purchases. Many stores already implement this policy. It may cause a higher frequency of restocking, but typically reduces the large rate of theft.
- **Limit the quantity of precursor products that may be purchased.** Limiting the purchase quantity means that a customer will only be able to purchase a certain amount of the product at the checkout counter.
- **Placement of precursor products near high traffic areas.** Placing products at the end of an aisle near the checkout counters, customer service, or a pharmacy helps deter theft. Thieves do not like to be observed stealing products, so they will be more likely to stay away from the high profile areas.
- **Provide surveillance on precursor product aisles.** Providing video surveillance of the products and informing the customer that the aisle is under surveillance is also a deterrent to theft.
- **Placement of product behind a service counter.** When precursor products are behind the counter in a pharmacy, customer service area, or cash register, the customer must ask for the product. Typically, a shelf tag is left on the main shelf area and includes product name, price, and barcode, and directs the customer to the service counter for purchase.

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS: Meth "cooks" can be dangerous when they come to a facility for more ingredients or with the intent to commit a crime. Paranoia and aggressiveness caused by a drug-induced high can cause the "cook" to become angry if confronted about a theft or improper purchase. Meth Watch recommends that employees **do not** confront the suspect, but instead follow through with the transaction rather than putting themselves in danger. When the suspect leaves the store, the clerk or manager should complete a Suspicious Transaction Report and provide the information to local law enforcement as soon as possible. If surveillance footage is available, please note the date and time on the report. The statewide reporting number is **1-888-609-6384**. The Meth Watch program strongly encourages working closely with local law enforcement agencies to create a working relationship that can benefit your store and community.



Meth Watch Program Decals Available As:

- 4"x7" Window Stickers
- 2"x3" Stickers
- 8.5"x11" Outdoor Stickers



Meth Watch Customer Information Pads:

4"x5" tear-off sheets can be kept at each check out location to improve awareness and recognition that your business supports the fight against meth in their community.

**METHAMPHETAMINE/
CHPA METH WATCH PROGRAM****Background on methamphetamine:**

Communities across America plagued by the proliferation of methamphetamine are looking for effective and innovative ways to combat this emergent trend. The most significant problem for state and local law enforcement, especially in rural communities, is the manufacturing of methamphetamine in what have become known as small, home-made labs. These labs often use pseudoephedrine, a safe and effective ingredient found in many over-the-counter cough/cold products, in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine. These labs have a devastating effect on the environment, communities, and the children who are often times present, and for these reasons are referred to as small toxic labs by law enforcement officials.

What is Meth Watch?

"Meth Watch" is a program designed to help curtail suspicious sales and theft of pseudoephedrine and other precursor products used in the illicit manufacturing of methamphetamine. Meth Watch was started in Kansas as a public-private partnership between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (part of the non-profit statewide drug prevention system), and Kansas retailers. As news spread of its success, several states have begun to adopt the Kansas model, including Washington, Oregon, and South Dakota. Many more have expressed interest, but have been deterred by lack of resources and know-how.

How does Meth Watch work?

Meth Watch is a voluntary program that involves a variety of people at the community and state level, although retail involvement is the cornerstone of this program. Participating retailers place the precursor products where they can be easily monitored, and strategically post Meth Watch signs and tags on their doors and windows, around their cash registers and on the shelves where precursor products are located. They may impose purchase limits to prevent high volume sales. They train their employees to recognize, but not to confront, suspicious customers and to contact law enforcement with as much identifying information as possible.

Participants in the Meth Watch program report safer stores, better customer relations, increased employee awareness, and improved communications with law enforcement. In areas that have been hard hit by the meth scourge, Meth Watch partners are helping to unify their communities against drug abuse. The Meth Watch program in Kansas is a proven and replicable program which has significantly affected meth lab seizures.

How can individual states become involved?

The Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) has developed a uniform Meth Watch model that serves as an online resource center for interested states (www.methwatch.com). This site provides a one-stop shop to help states implement Meth Watch in their communities. CHPA will provide direct resources to states for the implementation of Meth Watch, including training, technical assistance, and retail support and education.

What does the future hold for Meth Watch?

Law enforcement officials and anti-drug abuse coalitions across the country are seeing a dramatic increase in meth abuse. As other states begin to benefit from the Meth Watch program, CHPA anticipates a greater need for funding a comprehensive methamphetamine prevention program and will join with those states most affected by this problem to call on Congress to authorize a permanent grant program for states that can demonstrate a need.



United States Department of Health and Human Services
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 Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)

Request for Applications (RFA)

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Drug Free Communities Support Program
 (Initial Announcement)
 Request for Applications (RFA) SP-05-002-New and SP-05-002-Renewal

Grants.gov Notice: January 11, 2005

Receipt dates:

- **March 11, 2005** (for new applicants)
 - **April 5, 2005** (for competing renewal applicants)
- Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No.: 93.276

Key Dates:

Application Deadline	March 11, 2005 (new) April 5, 2005 (for competing renewal applicants)
Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)	Letters from State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.
Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS)/Single State Agency Coordination	Applicants must send the PHSIS to appropriate State and local health agencies by application deadline. Comments from Single State Agency are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announce the availability of funds for **Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP)** grants. DFCSP is a collaborative initiative sponsored by ONDCP and SAMHSA in order to:

- reduce substance abuse among youth;
- help community coalitions strengthen collaboration;
- enhance intergovernmental collaboration, cooperation and coordination;

- enable communities to conduct data-driven, research-based prevention planning, and
- provide communities with technical assistance, guidance, and financial support.

ONDCP and SAMHSA invite eligible applicants to review this announcement for DFCSP grant. Eligibility information is provided in Section III and award information is provided in Section IV.

Eligible Applicants

DFCSP grant funds are intended to support community-based coalitions. According to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), "A coalition is a formal arrangement of cooperation and collaboration between groups or sectors of a community, in which each group retains its identity but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community."

To be eligible for a DFCSP grant, a coalition must meet the requirements detailed in Part I of the full-length Request for Applications.

Statewide substance abuse prevention coalitions may apply for a DFCSP grant, provided they meet all the criteria specified above.

No coalition or fiscal agent may submit more than one application under this funding announcement. Coalitions may not serve the same geographic area, unless both coalitions have clearly described their plans for collaboration in their applications; each coalition has independently met the above requirements.

Additional Information

Approximately \$70 million will be available for approximately 700 DFCSP awards, including DFCSP awards as well as competing renewal awards.

The maximum allowable award for new DFCSP grants is \$100,000 per year in total costs (direct and indirect). The maximum allowable award for competing renewal DFCSP awards is \$100,000 per year in total costs (direct and indirect).

Cost-sharing is required. Please see RFA announcement for further information.

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Documents needed to complete an application for this grant opportunity**The complete Request for Applications (RFA) No. SP-05-002-New and SP-05-002-Renewal:****Download RFA:**

- Download as Word Document

- Download as Acrobat Document

Download forms:**PHS 5161-1 (revised July 2000):** Includes the face page, budget forms, assurances, certification, and checklist.

Applications that are not submitted on the required application form will be screened out and will not be reviewed.

Additional Materials:

For further information on the forms and the application process, see **Useful Information for Applicants**

Additional materials available on this website include:

- Technical Assistance and Training for SAMHSA Grant Applicants
- Grants Management at SAMHSA: Useful Information for Grantees
- For DFC Grant Applicants: Sample Memorandum of Understanding

For a complete application kit, call the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI):



- 800-729-6686
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Communities all across America are suffering from the plague of methamphetamine production and usage. And these communities – many of which are rural and suburban – are looking for effective and innovative ways to fight back against this illegal menace. Meth Watch is the first national effort aimed at curbing the spread of methamphetamines, and will provide a critical step in reducing the availability of meth in communities nationwide.

Started in Kansas as a public-private partnership between law enforcement, state officials, and the retail community, Meth Watch is designed to help curtail the suspicious sale and theft of common household products used in the illicit manufacturing of methamphetamine.

Meth Watch is a voluntary program that involves a variety of people at the community and state level, although retail involvement is the cornerstone of this program. This web site provides states interested in learning more about the Meth Watch program with the resources needed to implement and maintain a Meth Watch program.

"Whenever we can partner with our citizens and businesses to improve public safety, we are much more successful. Only with an all-out, comprehensive effort can we hope to stop the insidious creep of methamphetamine into our communities."

*– "A New Ally in the War on Meth,"
written by Sheriff Mark Sterk,
Spokane County, Washington, Sheriff,
November- December 2004*

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BACKGROUND

The Meth Watch Program

What is Meth Watch?

Communities across America plagued by methamphetamine usage and production are looking for effective and innovative ways to combat this growing problem.

Meth Watch is a program sponsored by the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) and is designed to help curtail the theft and suspicious sales of pseudoephedrine products, as well as other common household products used in the illicit manufacturing of methamphetamine in small, toxic labs. A key goal of this program is to promote cooperation between retailers and law enforcement to prevent the diversion of legitimate products for illegal use.

Meth Watch was started in Kansas as a public-private partnership between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (part of the non-profit statewide drug prevention system), and Kansas retailers. As news spread of its success, several states began to adopt the Kansas model. Many more expressed interest, but were deterred by the lack of resources and know-how.

That's where the national Meth Watch program comes in. CHPA provides a one-stop shop to help interested states implement Meth Watch in their communities through the Meth Watch resource center at www.methwatch.com. Through Meth Watch, retailers and law enforcement will help increase awareness about the diversion of legal products to the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine and will assist local communities in addressing the meth problem.

The Kansas Story

The Kansas Meth Prevention Project (KMPP) began as a public-private partnership formed in October 2001 to develop a statewide infrastructure to fight the methamphetamine problem in Kansas communities. The program received funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2002. CHPA and its member companies are providing funding for its efforts in 2004. The goals of the project include reducing the supply of methamphetamine by monitoring the availability of products used in the manufacture of methamphetamine and reducing the demand for methamphetamine by providing opportunities for youth education and community awareness about the dangers of the drug.

A statewide network of agencies partnered to make the KMPP successful. The agencies are: Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Prevention and Recovery Services in Topeka, Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, Kansas Regional Prevention Centers, Kansas State University Research and Extension, and the Kansas National Guard, to name a few.

The KMPP conducts "train the trainer" sessions throughout the state to increase awareness of Meth Watch and other prevention strategies. Kansas learned early on that local participation is the key to the successful implementation of Meth Watch and achieved widespread community involvement through an ongoing mini-grant process. The KDHE distributes Meth Watch materials to retailers and other interested parties statewide on a regular basis and nationwide as requested. For further information, contact T.J. Cialfione, KDHE Bureau of Environmental Remediation Response Unit chief, or Cristi Cain, KMPP project coordinator.

Other Meth Watch Programs

CHPA has made funds available to help support state and local Meth Watch programs. In addition to the Kansas program, a number of additional states have taken the Kansas model and implemented their own Meth Watch programs, including the following.

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Drug Free Communities Support Program
 (Initial Announcement)
 Request for Applications (RFA) SP-05-002-New and SP-05-002-Renewal

Grants.gov Notice: January 11, 2005

Receipt dates:

- March 11, 2005 (for new applicants)
 - April 5, 2005 (for competing renewal applicants)
- Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No.: 93.276

Key Dates:

Application Deadline	March 11, 2005 (new) April 5, 2005 (for competing renewal applicants)
Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)	Letters from State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.
Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS)/Single State Agency Coordination	Applicants must send the PHSIS to appropriate State and local health agencies by application deadline. Comments from Single State Agency are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announce the availability of funds for **Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP)** grants. DFCSP is a collaborative initiative sponsored by ONDCP and SAMHSA in order to:

- reduce substance abuse among youth;
- help community coalitions strengthen collaboration;
- enhance intergovernmental collaboration, cooperation and coordination;

- enable communities to conduct data-driven, research-based prevention planning, and
- provide communities with technical assistance, guidance, and financial support.

ONDCP and SAMHSA invite eligible applicants to review this announcement for DFCSG grant. Eligibility information is provided in Section III and award information is provided in Section IV.

Eligible Applicants

DFCSG grant funds are intended to support community-based coalitions. According to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), "A coalition is a formal arrangement of cooperation and collaboration between groups or sectors of a community, in which each group retains its identity but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community."

To be eligible for a DFCSG grant, a coalition must meet the requirements detailed in Part I of the full-length Request for Applications.

Statewide substance abuse prevention coalitions may apply for a DFCSG grant, provided they meet all the criteria specified above.

No coalition or fiscal agent may submit more than one application under this funding announcement. Coalitions may not serve the same geographic area, unless both coalitions have clearly described their plans for collaboration in their applications; each coalition has independently met the above requirements.

Additional Information

Approximately \$70 million will be available for approximately 700 DFCSG awards, including DFCSG awards as well as competing renewal awards.

The maximum allowable award for new DFCSG grants is \$100,000 per year in total costs (direct and indirect). The maximum allowable award for competing renewal DFCSG awards is \$100,000 per year in total costs (direct and indirect).

Cost-sharing is required. Please see RFA announcement for further information.

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Documents needed to complete an application for this grant opportunity**The complete Request for Applications (RFA) No. SP-05-002-New and SP-05-002-Renewal:****Download RFA:**

- Download as Word Document

- Download as Acrobat Document

Download forms:

PHS 5161-1 (revised July 2000): Includes the face page, budget forms, assurances, certification, and checklist.

Applications that are not submitted on the required application form will be screened out and will not be reviewed.

Additional Materials:

For further information on the forms and the application process, see **Useful Information for Applicants**

Additional materials available on this website include:

- Technical Assistance and Training for SAMHSA Grant Applicants
- Grants Management at SAMHSA: Useful Information for Grantees
- For DFC Grant Applicants: Sample Memorandum of Understanding

For a complete application kit, call the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI):



- 800-729-6686
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Formula and Discretionary Grant Allotments, Summaries by State ALASKA

This is a summary, click here for Discretionary Funds in Detail.


Formula Funding	Fiscal Year 2004/05
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant:	\$ 4,676,744
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant:	\$ 776,797
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH):	\$ 300,000
Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant:	\$ 406,700
Subtotal of Formula Funding:	\$ 6,160,241
Discretionary Funding	Fiscal Year 2004/05
Mental Health:	\$ 4,419,479
Substance Prevention:	\$ 6,538,022
Substance Abuse Treatment:	\$ 8,784,464
Subtotal of Discretionary Funding:	\$ 19,741,965
Total Mental Health Funds:	\$ 5,902,976
Total Substance Abuse Funds:	\$ 19,999,230
Total Funds for:	ALASKA \$ 25,902,206



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