

Meth Summits

The meth summit process uses a practical and effective logic model to gather input from hundreds of participants in a short amount of time and produce actionable recommendations through a three step process of identifying the problems, barriers, and solutions related to methamphetamine production, distribution, and use.

The process also facilitates the integration of strategies across levels of the public and private sectors by involving perspectives from the agency/organizational level to local, county, state, and federal coordination on the many facets of the meth problem.

SAI is able to accomplish this by bringing together the many domains affected by the problem: Fire/EMS/Haz-Mat; Law Enforcement, Courts, Prosecutors, and other aspects of the Criminal Justice System; Treatment; Prevention and Community Coalitions; Child Protective Services/Adult Protective Services and other Social Workers; Public Health, Environmental Quality/Control; Public/Private Schools, Higher Education, and Youth Services/Programs; all aspects of the print and electronic media; Chambers of Commerce, Retailers and Employers; Nurse Home Visitors, Medical Personnel and hospitals; Landlords and Property Owners; and other key stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

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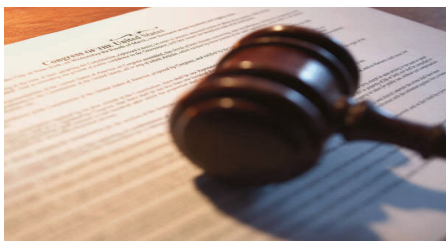


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Methamphetamine: America's Leading Drug Problem

In recent years, methamphetamine, a highly addictive, easy to manufacture stimulant, has become one of the most destructive illicit drugs in the United States. According to a survey conducted by the National Association of Counties that was released on July 6, 2005, **most sheriffs' departments indicate that methamphetamine abuse is the leading drug problem affecting local law enforcement agencies.**

Because of the nature of clandestine meth labs, an effective response to meth requires a comprehensive and coordinated effort across an unusual array of sectors including elected officials, first responders, law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, corrections, prevention, treatment, environmental clean up, public health, child protection, education, media, and community organizations. Meth labs are not defined or restricted to specific neighbor-



hoods in communities. They are mobile and they are highly toxic. Many of the problems associated with meth are new and require new relationships and new protocols for local, state, and federal agencies. Communities and states need access to cutting-edge information, training, and effective practices about strategies to fight this many-headed monster.

How SAI Can Help

Experts in the field of methamphetamine, Strategic Applications International (SAI) offers seamless integration of a wide range of social, behavioral, educational, and security concerns for public and private agencies, organizations, and companies who need to establish programs in crime, violence, substance abuse, or education or wish to expand their capacity to involve new constituencies, improve outcomes, or address evolving issues.

SAI's mission is to pursue great ideas, promote action, and effect change with demonstrated results. This mission reflects the principals' commitment to the highest quality of program development, implementation, and evaluation whether designing a violence prevention strategy for a small community coalition, developing a global workplace substance abuse prevention strategy for a multinational company or revamping educational systems in the United States or abroad.

Two of SAI's principals, James Copple and Colleen Copple, are content experts in the area of comprehensive planning



for methamphetamine. Over the last several years, the Copples, in cooperation with the DEA, SAMHSA, and the COPS Office, have been instrumental in the planning, development, and facilitation of more than 15 Meth Summits throughout the country. In addition to their work on the Summits, Mr. Copple led Project Freedom, a coalition in Wichita, Kansas that dealt directly with the issues of crime, violence, and substance abuse, during a time when the DEA confiscated its single largest cache of meth, which was found in Goddard County, Kansas. Additionally, Mrs. Copple wrote the first major grant to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat methamphetamine in Salt Lake City, Utah. She received grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office of Community Oriented Policing to help Salt Lake City deal with its meth problems. In their work, the Copples have positively affected meth policy in numerous states. **SAI principals have facilitated meth summits in 15 sites, most of which were statewide, in an effort to help those jurisdictions develop effective solutions to their meth problems.**

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