
I. Introduction

This Center for Substance Abuse Prevention/National Prevention Network (CSAP/NPN) *Prevention Works!* Substance Abuse Prevention Resource Kit: Methamphetamine reviews the latest information about a drug causing growing concern among substance abuse professionals, law enforcement, child protection agencies, environmental groups, policy makers, and the media. Although meth is not the most widely used substance of abuse in the United States today, it warrants special consideration by substance abuse prevention interests because it is so cheap and easy to make (relative to other drugs), it is so harmful to users and to those around them, and its manufacture often damages the environment.

Until recently, methamphetamine abuse had been framed primarily as a law enforcement, interdiction, child endangerment, and environmental issue, with the treatment needs of methamphetamine addicts also commanding considerable discussion. With the notable exception of policy initiatives to restrict retail access to ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and anhydrous ammonia products that can be used to make methamphetamine, less has been said about the role of prevention in discouraging and reducing the use of methamphetamine.

Methamphetamine has inspired more media attention than any drug issue since the peak of concern about crack-cocaine. This high level of attention has aided in raising awareness of the dangers and spread of the drug, has spurred States and communities into action, and has alerted lawmakers to the needs for stricter controls and for additional services.

This *Prevention Works!* Substance Abuse Prevention Resource Kit: Methamphetamine is intended to help those involved in substance abuse prevention develop a balanced view of methamphetamine and how it fits into the overall substance abuse picture. It also offers basic information to help them feel confident in planning and implementing successful methamphetamine prevention efforts. The kit includes:

- *Prevention Works!* A Joint CSAP-NPN Communications Training Initiative
- SAMHSA's Matrix Priority Programs
- SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework
- About Methamphetamine: Overview/Discussion
- Talking Points

- Preventing Methamphetamine Use/Abuse: Examples of Federal, National, State, and Community Efforts
- Fact Sheets on Methamphetamine related to:
 - Children
 - Adolescents/Young Adults/Adults
 - Women
 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons
 - The Environment
 - Law Enforcement/Interdiction
 - Myths
- Selected Web-based Resources on Methamphetamine
- Selected Web-based Resources on Prevention
- Methamphetamine: A PowerPoint Presentation
- Disk containing files of the resource kit contents

The *Prevention Works!* communications training initiative has been a successful collaboration between CSAP and NPN for several years. Everyone involved with the project takes pride in this continuing effort to let others know what CSAP and members of NPN know already—*Prevention Works!*