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# NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN

**2nd Annual Drug Endangered  
Children Conference  
October 3-5, 2005  
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel  
Washington, DC  
Register NOW**

## Taking the Next Step

Children living in dangerous drug environments are at high risk for a variety of problems as they grow and develop, often becoming the forgotten children who repeat the family legacy of drug addiction and abuse.

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children urges everyone in a community to practice vigilance in rescuing, defending, sheltering and supporting children who may be endangered and to develop effective and efficient strategies to help these children to a path of help, hope and healing.

**Visit our website at: [www.nationaldec.org](http://www.nationaldec.org)**

### General Information and Conference Registration:

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**Make your hotel reservations NOW!**

#### The Marriott Wardman Park

1.800.228.9290 or on-line @

[www.nationaldec.org/conference/2005/accommodationsandtravel](http://www.nationaldec.org/conference/2005/accommodationsandtravel)

The hotel is holding a block of rooms at the prevailing government rate of \$153/night plus tax.

To secure your accommodations, please contact the hotel directly and mention the group code: decdeca. **RESERVE YOUR ROOMS NOW!**

Conference Registration Fee: \$200.00



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## Taking the Next Step

### Preliminary Conference Agenda

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR – October 3, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM:

#### Drug Endangered Children Introduction

An overview of the Drug Endangered Children training designed to help communities establish a collaborative multi-disciplinary response to children discovered in dangerous drug environments, including methamphetamine labs.

Opening/Closing Remarks – *Ronald Mullins, National DEC Coordinator, CA*

Safety and Awareness – *Sergeant Jerry Peters, North Metro Task Force, CO*

Psychosocial – *Dr. Kiti Freier, Associate Professor of Psychology & Pediatrics, Loma Linda University and Children's Hospital, CA*

Medical – *Dr. Wendy Wright, Pediatrician, Children's Hospital, San Diego CA; Dr. Penny Grant, Dartmouth College, NH*

DEC Prosecution – *Prosecutor William Wood, San Diego County District Attorney's Office*

Child Abuse Investigations & Child Protective Services – *Social Worker Judith Lobaina, Orange County, CA; Detective Tim Ahumada, Phoenix Police Department, AZ*

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DAY 1 – October 4, 8:00 AM – 10:15 AM

#### Plenary Presentations

Conference Opening and Dignitary Welcome – *Laura Birkmeyer, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern Dist. Of CA; Alberto Gonzales, U.S. Attorney General (Invited)*

History, Future and Mission of the National Alliance for DEC – *Laura Birkmeyer and Gage Garby, Colorado DEC*

What About the Children: From Risk to Healing – *Jerry Moe, National Director of Children's Programs, Betty Ford Center*

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DAY 1 – October 4, 10:40 AM – 12:00 PM

#### Breakout Sessions

Healing for Children from Addicted Families – *Jerry Moe, National Director of Children's Programs, Betty Ford Center*

Resources for DEC Initiatives – *Gage Garby and Panel*

Focusing on DEC in Indian Country – *Chief Mitch Brown, Oroville Police Department with Panel Discussion*

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DAY 1 – October 4, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

#### Lunch On Your Own

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DAY 1 – October 4, 1:15 PM – 3:30 PM

#### Plenary Presentations

Debunking the Myths of Methamphetamine Treatment – *C. West Huddleston III, Director, National Drug Court Institute*

Neurochemical Changes that Occur During Drug Addiction – *Dr. Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse*



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DAY 1 – October 4, 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

### Breakout Sessions

Drug Courts and How They Can Benefit Drug Endangered Children – *Meghan Wheeler, Project Director, National Drug Court Institute*

Health Impacts and Issues for Medical Personnel – *Dr. Kathryn Wells, Medical Director, Denver Family Crisis Center, CO; Dr. Penny Grant; Dr. Wendy Wright*

The Role of Federal Agencies in Community DEC Efforts – *Laura Birkmeyer and Panel*

Data Collection: Articulate the Problem, Define the Effectiveness and Facilitate Solutions – *Gage Garby and Panel*

DAY 1 – October 4, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

### Hosted Reception

Note: Exhibitors will be on display during Day 1 of the conference and during the reception.

DAY 2 – October 5, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Plenary Presentations

Announcements and Dignitary Welcome – *Laura Birkmeyer; Karen Tandy, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration*

Legal Strategies Involving Drug Endangered Children – *Laura Birkmeyer and Panel*

Core Components of a Sustainable Integrated DEC Response – *Cmdr. Lori Moriarty, North Metro Task Force & Colorado DEC; Dr. Brian Mattson, Senior Consultant in the Research to Practice Section of the Child Welfare League of America; Heidi Hendricks, Regional Director of the Child Welfare League of America*

Chemical Exposure During the Manufacturing of Meth: The Rest of the Story – *Dr. John Martyny, Ph.D., National Jewish Medical & Research Center, CO*

Role of the Media and Marketing the DEC Concept – *Panel*

DAY 2 – October 5, 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

### Hosted Lunch with Keynote Speaker

DAY 2 – October 5, 1:30 PM – 2:40 PM

### Breakout Sessions

Building a Prototype DEC Response from Our Experience in the Field – *Cmdr. Lori Moriarty; Dr. Brian Mattson; Heidi Hendricks*

Prenatal Exposure to Drugs – *Dr. Barry Lester, Prof. of Psychiatry & Human Behavior and Pediatrics Brown Medical School, Providence RI*

Treatment Issues for Parents of Drug Endangered Children – *Dr. Nicholas Taylor, Director of Taylor Behavioral Health, CO and Jenny Gomez, Clinical Coordinator for the Betty Ford Center Five Star Kids Program, TX*

DAY 2 – October 5, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Plenary Presentations

DEC Successes and Testimonials

### Keynote Speaker

“Helping Others to Help Themselves” – *Dave Pelzer, Author of *Help Yourself* and *A Child Called “It”**