



Office of the Governor

STATE OF WYOMING EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER

2004-5

CREATING THE WYOMING ALLIANCE FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN

WHEREAS, protecting children from the harmful effects of being exposed to and endangered by the illegal manufacture, sale, possession and use of drugs is a priority for the state of Wyoming;

WHEREAS, the manufacturing and abuse of methamphetamine and other illegal drugs poses a significant threat to the children of this state;

WHEREAS, children found in an environment where there is a presence of methamphetamine or other illegal drugs can be subject to profound abuse and neglect, exposure to toxic chemicals and other hazards, and can be faced with life-long mental and physical health problems;

WHEREAS, a continuum of care is needed for children found in such hazardous environments; and


WHEREAS, developing a seamless and coordinated community response to children endangered by drugs is of paramount importance to ensure their safety and security;

NOW THEREFORE, I, DAVE FREUDENTHAL, Governor of the State of Wyoming, hereby order the following:

- I. There is created the Wyoming Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (Alliance).
- II. The purpose of this Alliance shall be to develop a comprehensive, multi-agency strategy that outlines the specific steps to be taken when a child is found to be living in or around a methamphetamine and/or other illegal drug environments. To that end it shall:
 - a. Serve as a nonpartisan forum for identifying and understanding the issues surrounding drug endangered children;
 - b. Research best practices for addressing the needs of drug endangered children;
 - c. Develop a seamless and coordinated set of protocols dealing with drug endangered children that can be duplicated with ease around the state;
 - d. Foster coordination among the various disciplines and agencies responsible for the well-being of drug endangered children;
 - e. Conduct outreach throughout the State of Wyoming and facilitate communication with critical stakeholders; and
 - f. Provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature, when appropriate.

- III. The Alliance shall include such individuals as may be appointed by the Governor to represent the following:
- a. One (1) representative of the Division of Criminal Investigation;
 - b. One (1) representative of the Department of Family Services (Child Protective Services);
 - c. One (1) representative of the Department of Health;
 - d. One (1) representative of the United States Attorney's Office;
 - e. Two (2) representatives of the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police;
 - f. One (1) representative of the Wyoming County and Prosecuting Attorneys Association;
 - g. One (1) District or Circuit Court Judge;
 - h. One (1) representative of the Wyoming Medical Society;
 - i. One (1) representative of the Wyoming Hospital Association;
 - j. One (1) representative of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs Association;
 - k. One (1) representative of the Wyoming Highway Patrol;
 - l. One (1) Member of the Wyoming House of Representatives;
 - m. One (1) Member of the Wyoming State Senate.
- IV. The Governor may add additional members to the Alliance as deemed appropriate.
- V. Members of the Alliance shall serve a term of three years and are eligible for reappointment at the pleasure of the Governor. A member who ceases to be employed or affiliated with the organization he/she was appointed to represent shall be replaced. The replacement's term shall expire at the same date as the replaced member's term.
- VI. The Alliance shall meet as necessary to fulfill its mission but no less than three (3) times annually.
- VII. Members of the Alliance shall not receive compensation for their time, nor reimbursement for any travel expenses incurred.
- VIII. The Division of Criminal Investigation within the Office of the Attorney General is designated to coordinate and support the activities of the Alliance.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming, this 15
day of October, 2004.



Dave Freudenthal
Governor