



**NATIONAL ALLIANCE
FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN**

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Request DEC training for your local communities, agencies, and professionals.

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Key insights for partnering with child welfare, medical providers, treatment providers, prosecutors, and civil attorneys



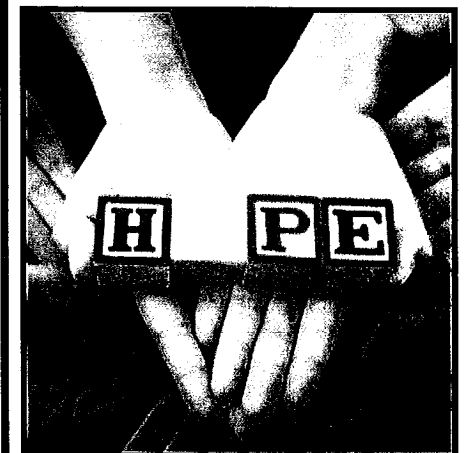
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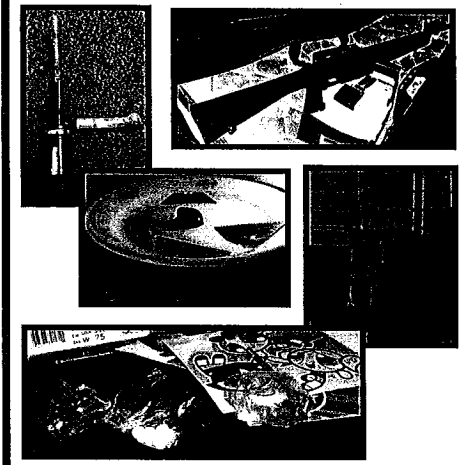


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**Our Vision:
100% Healthy,
Happy, Safe
Children**



children = RISK
+ drugs

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Our Mission and History



National DEC defines drug endangered children as: "children who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution. They may also be children whose caretaker's substance misuse interferes with the caretaker's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment."

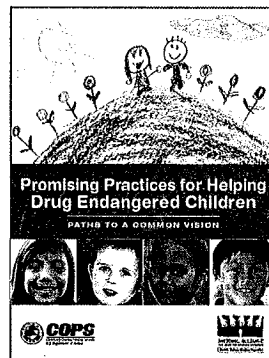
The **National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC)** exists to help make a difference in the lives of children who are living in dangerous drug environments. National DEC's mission is to break the cycle of abuse and neglect by empowering practitioners who work to transform the lives of these children.

The Problem: The primary challenge with drug endangered children is identifying children at risk and coordinating the various systems and disciplines charged with intervening, and providing services to these children and families.

The Solution: To address the challenges of these cases and the needs of drug endangered children, National DEC has developed **The DEC Approach: "a multidisciplinary strategy to change the trajectory of a drug endangered child's life through recognition of a common vision, ongoing collaboration between disciplines, and ongoing change in practices and policies, all of which increases the likelihood of better outcomes for drug endangered children."** This approach trains practitioners to form community-based partnerships across multiple disciplines and to effectively collaborate with their mutual interests, resources and responsibilities.

History: Formed in 2003 and incorporated in 2006 as a non-profit charitable organization, National DEC believes the best way to address the needs of drug endangered children is a collaborative approach that puts the needs of children first.

Partners: National DEC is grateful to have received grant funding and support for our mission from the US Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Office, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Office for Victims of Crime. To meet the increasing need for our services, we also welcome contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations aligned with our mission.



Our Programs

State, Tribal, and Local DEC Alliances *Strengthening Community Capacity*

The growing number of state, tribal and local DEC alliances through out the country are the cornerstone of the drug endangered children effort. National DEC provides leadership, resources, strategic planning, training, and technical assistance to our alliances and professionals, all designed to help build the capacity and infrastructure of the state, tribal and local DEC efforts.

Our partnerships with state, tribal and local DEC alliances also allow us to share information on current drug trends, and challenges as well as DEC resources, publications, and promising practices.

DEC Training and Technical Assistance *Educating Professionals*

Since 2003, National DEC has provided DEC training and technical assistance to thousands of professionals to increase the likelihood of better outcomes for drug endangered children. These trainings consist of in person, online, and webinar based trainings that assist professionals with:

- Early identification of drug endangered children
- Recognition of the risks drug endangered children face
- Development of collaborative responses (DEC Approach)
- Development of state, tribal and local DEC alliances

National DEC also provides training and technical assistance to professionals across the nation via an annual national conference, monthly professional development webinars, e-Updates, and monthly DEC Connect calls.

Online Resource Center *Connecting Professionals with Resources*

National DEC's Online Resource Center features a searchable library of thousands of articles, publications, training presentations, protocols, and more. Additionally, our Website features an "Ask an Expert" service, a training calendar, a listing of DEC events around the country, access to our archived webinars, funding announcements, and State/Tribal/Local DEC Alliance contacts.

To download the resources pictured or highlighted in this brochure go to www.nationaldec.org.

