

## National Methamphetamine Training & Technical Assistance Center

### **Implementation of the National Methamphetamine Training and Technical Assistance Center (MNTTAC):**

The Pierce County Alliance and the Safe Streets Campaign, private, non-profit organizations in Washington State, have launched the *National Methamphetamine Training and Technical Assistance Center* through funding support from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, effective October 1, 2007.

The center is located in Tacoma, Washington, to leverage the experience gleaned from the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative, a model program of a comprehensive, cross-discipline strategy of enforcement, treatment and community involvement.

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### **Purpose:**

*The national center will provide information and training for public and private organizations that must confront the inter-related challenges of methamphetamine in their communities.*

### **Background:**

The production, distribution and use of methamphetamine has become the source of the most compelling and complex drug issues facing the nation and is a primary cause for the rapid increase of crime and violence across the United States as well as internationally.

Many of the problems associated with methamphetamine are new and require new relationships and new protocols for local, state and federal agencies. Communities and states need access to cutting-edge information and training on effective strategies and practices to fight this drug that has proven so destructive to the well being of our citizenry.

### **The National Methamphetamine Center will:**

- Train law enforcement agencies in effective community policing strategies to build local capacity to address methamphetamine.
- Replicate the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative, creating state and local comprehensive strategies that facilitate the coordinated and integrated response to meth across all sectors and jurisdictions, i.e. lab cleanup, law enforcement, safety, environmental contamination, drug endangered children, treatment, prevention, and community mobilization.
- Promote effective data collection and data management practices to track the impact and outcomes of methamphetamine efforts.
- Collect, analyze and disseminate best practices amongst all disciplines and sectors impacted by the problem.
- Contribute to the methpedia.org website to speed dissemination of effective practices.
- Promote effective partnerships and advanced protocols for methamphetamine dependency treatment.
- Develop training curricula, publish policy briefs, newsletters and tool kits to support the capacity of agencies, communities and states to respond to methamphetamine issues effectively.
- Serve as national repository and dissemination vehicle on all topics related to methamphetamine.
- Promote community based prevention practices to increase community capacity to intervene on and prevent methamphetamine use and abuse.