



Rural Crime & Justice Center

COMMISSION ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Rural Crime and Justice Center is to conduct research, evaluation, training, and training administration through a well-educated and experienced staff utilizing state of the art technology.



History

- 1999
 - Center is established
- 2002
 - Designated as a Center of Excellence
- Employees 12 full-time, 2 part-time, and 1 graduate assistant
- Organized into three divisions:
 - Training
 - Research and Evaluation
 - Business Administration





Past Projects

Nationwide Rural Area Law Enforcement Training Study (NRALES)

- Funded through the Department of Homeland Security
- Small town and rural area law enforcement and community leaders
- United States and its territories
- 20,000 qualified respondents



Past Projects

Nationwide Police Pursuit Training Study (NPPTS)

- Funded through the Department of Homeland Security
- Surveyed nearly 35,000 law enforcement personnel and 10,000 community members
- Assessed attitudes and perceptions toward police pursuits



Past Projects

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)

- ◆ Funded through the Department of Justice and the United States Attorneys' Office
- ◆ Evaluated gun crimes and violence



Past Projects

Community Action Opportunities, Inc.

- ◆ Needs Assessment/Community Readiness Survey for Region II of North Dakota

Goals of the project:

- Assess community readiness to address alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues (ATOD)
- Evaluate the perceptions of risk and harm of use



Current Projects

Rural Methamphetamine Education Project (RMEP)

- ✦ Funds from the Department of Justice
- ✦ Delivers public awareness and education
- ✦ Employs 8 full-time Training and Research Associates, 1 part-time Chemist, and 1 Graduate Assistant



Current Projects

Rural Methamphetamine Education Project

Goals and Objectives

- ✦ Deliver a public awareness and education campaign to children, schools, teachers, parents, and communities
- ✦ Multi-faceted approach involving dissemination of materials to the direct delivery of schools, victims, former users, and treatment counselors



Current Projects

RMEP Mentoring Communities:

- Minot
- Devils Lake
- Watford City
- Beulah/Hazen
- Dickinson
- Jamestown/Valley City
- Fort Berthold
- Wahpeton



Current Projects

RMEP Presentations*

- 910 – total presentations
- 87,007 – total attendees

* February 20, 2003 through October 31, 2007



Current Projects

RMEP Studies

- Law Enforcement
- Licensed Social Worker
- Emergency Medical Workers



Current Projects

Methamphetamine Residual Effects Study

- Partnership with Minot State Chemistry Department
- Purchased Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer (GCMS), Ion Scanner, and a Portable Street Lab
- Provide training for law enforcement
- Examine old meth labs for residuals
- Develop home test kits



Current Projects

RMEP Partnership with Prairie Public TV

- Produced three documentaries
 - Shadow of Meth
 - Safe Behind Bars
 - Combating Meth



Current Projects

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services (NDCAWS)

- 2004 – partnership formed with NDCAWS
- Research on existing domestic violence policies
- The goal of the partnership objective:
 - To develop a statewide model policy for domestic violence
- Currently completing second review of policies



Current Projects

North Dakota Victims Assistance Academy (SVAAND)

- FY 2008 State needs assessment
- Funds from the Department of Justice
- Steering Committee formed
- Meeting 11 Dec in Bismarck
- Plan to run a 40 hour training in the summer of 09



Current Projects

North Dakota Crime Perception Survey

- Internally funded
- Included: Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks, Minot, Dickinson, Jamestown, Williston, Wahpeton, Valley City, Rugby, and New England
- 3,111 surveys sent
- 552 (18%) completion rate



Questions



Thank you!