



## *Partnership Pieces December 21, 2006*

### *The Community Partnership Hosts "Dangers of Methamphetamine" Workshop*

The focus of this training is to help the attendees identify methamphetamine use, the precursors that are used to manufacture it, clandestine labs, and the effects of methamphetamine on children. Valuable resource materials will be available through funding from The Community Partnership's mini-grant to Lucas County. The materials will include: "Street Drugs, a drug identification guide," "Meth Labs, a Emergency Responder Resource Guide," and "Children At Risk, Meth Labs in Our Communities." "Dangers of Methamphetamine" will be held at The Community Partnership, 5902 Southwyck Blvd., on January 23, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost: Free. See registration form included with fax.

### *NASCAR: 'Busch Series' No More*

For those who think any association between drinking and driving is wrong, here's some good news: Anheuser-Busch has announced that it will end its sponsorship of NASCAR's second-leading race series next year. The brewer has sponsored the "Busch Series" of races for 25 years, but said that the 2007 season would be the last time the company would be the name sponsor of the series. Anheuser-Busch said the move was part of a broad reassessment of its marketing strategy; the cost of sponsoring the racing series is expected to expand well beyond the current \$10 million annually because ESPN is about to become the sole broadcaster of series races. A company official also hinted that the brewer was concerned about splitting its marketing focus between the Busch and Budweiser brands. However, Anheuser-Busch will continue to pay the racing circuit for the right to be called "the official beer of NASCAR," will remain the lead sponsor of driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., and will still sponsor the annual Budweiser Shootout exhibition race.

### *Grants to Investigate Links Between Drugs, Crime Among African-Americans*

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will make research awards to investigate possible links between drug abuse and involvement in the criminal-justice system, including whether one is the cause, correlate, or consequence of the other. Nonprofits, for-profits, government agencies, and schools are among those eligible to apply for funding for the grants. NIDA is seeking "epidemiologic, prevention, treatment, and services research on criminal-justice related health disparities among African Americans as it relates to drug abuse and addiction." "Specifically, [the program] seeks to understand risk factors and pathways between drug abuse and criminal-justice involvement, and to determine the extent to which criminal justice involvement and HIV/AIDS risk are interlinked or compounded by drug abuse and addiction." Application deadline is open. For more details, see the full announcement online at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-114.html>

### *Violent Crime Up in U.S.; Meth Gets Some Blame*

The U.S. violent-crime rate continued to climb in the first half of 2006, and federal officials placed some of the blame on rising use of methamphetamine. Violent crime -- including offenses like murder, rape and robbery -- rose 3.7 percent in the first six months of 2006, the FBI reported, led by a 9.7 percent rise in robberies. In 2005, the violent-crime rate jumped 2.5 percent, the biggest increase in 15 years. Officials from the U.S. Justice Department said that factors like rising use of methamphetamine, increased gang violence, and simple demographics may be behind the trend, although a detailed study on root causes is still underway. They denied that a shift in resources away from basic law enforcement to antiterrorism efforts was behind the increase.

### *Sleep Medicine Ambien Abused by Teens*

Some adolescents are misusing the prescription sleep medication Ambien, which they say causes hallucinations and blackouts. Students said the drug is known on college campuses by names like "A-minus" and "Zombie pills," and that use seems to be increasing. Users can use Ambien recreationally by resisting the urge to sleep -- directly contrary to prescription labels for the drug. "We're hearing about this, we're seeing a rise," said DEA agent Steve Robertson. "That is a concern." The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) adds that adolescent misuse of sedatives has nearly doubled in recent years. Experts say misusing drugs like Ambien could be dangerous or even fatal, especially if combined with alcohol. Date rape is another concern for young Ambien users who may black out after taking the drug.

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**DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES**

**Faith & Recovery: The Healing Role of Faith-Based Organizations**

Those who lean on their faith in difficult times may seek help for their addiction from clergy and faith-based organizations, but what help will they find? Hear from a panel of experts as they explore the spectrum of services and interventions offered by faith-based organizations and discuss their unique role in helping individuals walk the Road to Recovery.

**Thursday, January 11, 2007 1:00—2:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center**

**Taking on Goliath: Youth vs. Advertising**

Participants will hear about the process for constructing campaign messages and designing campaign announcements.

**Thursday, January 18, 2007 3:00—4:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center**

**Understanding Addiction**

This training will discuss how to get people in communities to care about addiction and the destruction it might cause. Hear from experts about a genetic link that might make it easier for addiction to grip some people.

**Thursday, January 23, 2007 1:00—2:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please fax or mail*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Jan. 11 Faith & Recovery: The Healing Role of Faith-Based Organizations**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Jan. 18 Taking on Goliath: Youth vs. Advertising**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Jan. 25 Understanding Addiction**

\*The marked titles are distance learning courses, there is no charge.

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## DANGERS OF METHAMPHETAMINE

The Community Partnership will conduct a methamphetamine training for county employees on the dangers of methamphetamine and its prevalence in Lucas County. The focus of this training is to help the attendees identify methamphetamine use, the precursors that are used to manufacture it, clandestine labs, and the effects of methamphetamine on children. Valuable resource materials will be available through funding from The Community Partnership's mini-grant to Lucas County. The materials will include: "Street Drugs, a drug identification guide," "Meth Labs, a Emergency Responder Resource Guide," and Children At Risk, Meth Labs in Our Communities."

Topic: Dangers of Methamphetamine and the Prevalence in Lucas County  
Presenter: Robert Kasprzak  
Date: *Tuesday, January 23, 2007*  
Time: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
Where: The Community Partnership Training Center  
5902 Southwyck Blvd.  
Toledo, Ohio 43614  
  
Cost: Free

RCH's will be available.

Social Worker and Counselor CEU's are pending  
Teachers must receive prior approval from their LPDC

Pre-registration is required. The deadline is Friday, January 19, 2007

To register, please complete the following form and mail or fax it to:

The Community Partnership, 5902 Southwyck, Ste. 100, Toledo, Ohio 43614

Fax: 419.866.3613

Questions? Please call (419) 866-3611 ext. 107

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