



COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Partnership at Drugfree.org, with funding from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, announces **PACT360 - Police And Communities Together**. PACT360 is a law enforcement-led community prevention education system designed to deal with existing drug issues and rapidly respond to emerging drug threats. The goal is to help reduce illicit drug use and its accompanying criminal behavior thereby improving the safety and quality of life of the community. The initial focus of PACT360 will be on methamphetamine and prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse; tools for addressing additional specific drug issues will be added to the program on an ongoing basis.

Supported by a powerful suite of existing and new online resources and a **new PACT360 website (drugfree.org/pact360)**, the primary program components of PACT360 are as follows:



spread of this dangerous drug.

Meth360[®] is a meth prevention program uniting law enforcement, treatment and prevention professionals to deliver prevention education presentations to local communities. The audience learns about all aspects of meth from experts with diverse perspectives on the issue—a true “360-degree” view. Informative and motivational, Meth360 challenges concerned citizens to educate themselves about the dangers of methamphetamine and take action to stop the



professionals to educators and healthcare professionals. The presentation contains several videos, including public service announcements from The Partnership at Drugfree.org, first person stories, and information from experts. Drug-specific educational modules allow presenters to customize the program to local needs, offering parents information about the risks of drugs to their teens.

Parents360 (Parents: You Matter) is designed to help parents understand, prevent, and address drug and alcohol issues. The multimedia presentation, “Parents: You Matter,” educates parents of teens about why kids use drugs/alcohol, what parents can do to protect their children, how to communicate with them, monitor their activities, spot drug/alcohol use, and what they should do when they find it. The program is designed to be co-delivered by a range of presenters from law enforcement, prevention and treatment



more introspectively about their own and their friends' behavior regarding alcohol/drugs, and to

Youth360 (wreckED) is a teen-oriented substance abuse prevention education program that teaches teens (15-19 years old) about the realities and consequences of substance use. The program encourages teens to think

consider the associated consequences of getting involved. The program also motivates them to be proactive in “looking out” for their friends who may be engaging in unhealthy behaviors.

Youth360 starts out with a video depicting all aspects of the contemporary drug and alcohol scene that is part of teen life today, as well as real-life stories of addiction and recovery from the A&E Network program series *Intervention*. Following the video, the facilitator leads a group discussion using individual observations of depictions in the video as conversation starters. A special wreckED interactive card game, designed to stimulate conversations, focuses on the issues presented in the video, simulating real life choices, behaviors, and consequences. While the video sets up the bigger picture regarding alcohol and other drug use and abuse, the card game personalizes the choices, behaviors, and resulting consequences, giving the teens the opportunity to play out scenarios from their own experiences and viewpoints. The teen website, checkyourself.com, from The Partnership at Drugfree.org, supports wreckED with all of the tools and resources available online.



Latino360 (A través Del Cristal Meth) brings Meth360 to the Hispanic community, with a new presentation specifically tailored to reflect the unique needs of the Spanish-speaking community in the U.S. This program encourages parents and concerned adults to educate themselves about the dangers of meth, and provides them with tools and resources to protect their children from this dangerous drug. All resources and tools can be found on the PACT360 site and www.hablacontushijos.org.

The presentation not only highlights the devastating effects of crystal meth on the individual and on the community, but it also underscores the need for parents to further educate themselves about the dangers of the drug and start talking to teens about the dangers. The program combines personal stories of Hispanic teens in recovery with testimonials from their parents and focuses on the real impact meth use has on a family. The teens address the physical consequences and emotional damage they experienced from meth use, and how their families were essential in their recovery.



Padres360 (Padres: Ustedes hacen la Diferencia!) brings Parents360 to Hispanic parents, and is designed to help them understand, prevent, and address drug and alcohol issues with their teens. The multimedia presentation was specifically designed to educate Hispanic parents of teens about why kids use drugs/alcohol, what parents can do to protect their children, how to communicate with them, monitor their activities, spot drug/alcohol use, and what they should do when they find it. All resources and tools can be found on the PACT360 site and www.hablacontushijos.org.

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