

METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) & KIDS

ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

- 25% OF ALL METH IN THE NATION IS BEING CONSUMED BY YOUTH AGES 16 AND YOUNGER
- 10-20% OF THE METH IN MN IS MADE IN LOCAL LABS
- CHILDREN ARE FOUND TO LIVE IN 50-60% OF MN METH LABS
- MN METH IS ONLY 10-15% PURE WHILE MEXICAN METH IS 70-90%

RISKS TO CHILDREN LIVING IN LABS:

- FIRE & EXPLOSION
- WEAPONS & ACCIDENTS
- POISONING & TOXIC EXPOSURE
- POOR NUTRITION, HEALTH CARE, AND PARENTING

PRESENTING HEALTH CONCERNS IN CHILDREN EXPOSED TO METH LABS:

- RED & ITCHY EYES
- CHRONIC COUGH
- SKIN RASHES/BURNS
- CHRONIC RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS
- RELIANCE ON AN INHALER
- BODY ODOR THAT SMELLS OF CHEMICALS
- CLOTHES MAY SMELL OF CAT URINE

LONG TERM EXPOSURE TO METH LABS INDICATES:

- LEARNING DISABILITIES
- DELAYED SPEECH AND LANGUAGE
- MALNUTRITION
- METH ADDICTION
- KIDNEY, LIVER, AND SPLEEN DAMAGE
- ERRATIC SLEEPING HABITS
- NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE (not known how long term)