What is a Drug Endangered Children Program (DEC)?

A Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program is a multi-agency approach to assist and protect children whose lives, health, and safety are jeopardized by drug manufacture, drug dealing, or drug abuse in the family home.

DEC is designed to provide a comprehensive response by coordinating the efforts of law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, and health professionals.

Drug Endangered Children Program key services:

- Removal of children from drug endangering environments.
- Medical and dental health evaluation and services.
- Drug and toxic chemical exposure screening.
- Mental health evaluation and services.
- Addiction treatment and restoration of families whenever possible.

Our Members

The OADEC by-laws contemplate a diverse group of members. Current members include law enforcement professionals, social and child welfare professionals, treatment providers, prosecutors, mental health counselors, doctors, nurses, and many more.

To become a member, please visit www.oregondec.org

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The Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

“And youth comes to us wanting to know what we may propose to do about a society that hurts so many of them.”

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1936
The Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children evolved directly from the DEC Subcommittee of the Governor’s Meth Task Force established by Governor Ted Kulongoski.

OADEC is incorporated as an Oregon non-profit corporation, and has been granted 501(c)(3) charity status by the IRS. The primary function of OADEC is to provide training conferences and support for the development of DEC programs and local DEC protocol across the State of Oregon.

OADEC held its first regional training conference in Washington County in February of 2005, which was attended by approximately 300 people, including both of Oregon’s United States Senators.

Our Mission

• We will be unrelenting in the pursuit of safety for children exposed to the extreme dangers of drug abuse environments.

• We will facilitate collaborative efforts across all government and private organizations to:

  • Prevent drug abuse;

  • Provide response resources to children when prevention fails; and

  • Aggressively break the cycles of drug abuse.

• We will be steadfast in our dedication to the mission and core values of DEC to ensure the

There is also a National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (NADEC). Among other things, NADEC holds an annual conference, promotes the cause of drug endangered children at a national level, and provides coordination and support for efforts among the various state DEC alliances.

NADEC has also adopted a National DEC Protocol, which is available on the OADEC web site and many other places.