



DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN TRAINING AND ADVOCACY CENTER

Biography of
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Susan M. Webber-Brown is a 26 year law enforcement professional recently retired from the Butte County District Attorney's Office. Sue was assigned to the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) for the past 18 years as a Detective/Agent. Additionally, Sue was a reserve officer with the Oroville Police Department from 1985 to 1988.

Sue Webber-Brown was responsible for the investigation of major narcotic cases and child endangerment. Sue participated in more than 2300 investigations and conducted interviews of more than 1200 suspects. Butte County's DEC Program, the first of its kind in the United States, which Sue developed, implemented and administered, has rescued over 2300 Butte County children from environments where drugs were used, sold, or manufactured. Sue is a recognized expert in California and Arizona courts and has testified before Congress in the field of child endangerment due to drugs.

Sue is a lifetime member of the California Narcotics Officers Association (CNOA), and is a former Secretary for Region II. She is a past member of the California District Attorney's Investigators Association, and the California Peace Officers Association.

The DEC Program involves a coordinated effort between BINTF, the Butte County District Attorney's Office, and the Butte County Children's Services Division. Butte County's DEC Program has led to changes in policy for the California Department of Justice with regards to the manner in which children at the scene of clandestine laboratories are treated. Sue was appointed by the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) to an Ad Hoc Study Group on drug endangered children and co-wrote a training guide disseminated statewide. Sue is a board member of the California DEC Alliance and past board member of the National DEC Alliance. Sue has been published in the National FBI Academy Magazine and Washington State Narcotic Officers Association magazine. Sue has provided DEC training to more than 36,000 professionals from various disciplines including, but not limited to, Child Protective Services, fire/hazmat specialists, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and health practitioners from California, as well as 26 other states. Sue and the DEC Program have been featured in the LA Times, Sacramento Bee, Washington Post, National FBI Academy Magazine, People Magazine and numerous other publications and was featured on FOX television, NBC and appeared on the Montel William's show.

Sue has been a trainer for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in Washington D.C.; California State University, Chico; California State University, Davis; California Department of Social Services; OCJP; CNOA; California Department of Justice (DOJ) Advanced Training Center, DOJ Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement; National Interagency Civil-Military Institute; National

Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and the United States Attorney's Office, just to name a few. Sue also co-wrote the first 8 hour curriculum on DEC which is certified by the California Peace Officer Standards and Trainings (POST).

In 2000, Sue received the "California Victim Services and Restitution Award" from the Governor and the "Law Enforcement Leadership Award" from the California Attorney General for recognition of her work with drug endangered children. Sue was selected as the 2003 "Investigator of the Year" by the California District Attorney's Investigators Association. Shortly after, Sue received a resolution by the Butte County Board of Supervisors for her dedication and commitment to drug endangered children. On May 25, 2004, Sue received the "Award of Distinction" from the California Peace Officers' Association "for an ongoing operational activity that performs a great service to the community". On November 13, 2005, Region VIII of the California Narcotics Officer's Association presented Sue with an award for "Narcotics Officer of the Year". In 2007, Sue received the "Open Arms Award" from the University of Kentucky and Butte College's "Outstanding Alumni of the Year". In December, 2007, Sue met with President George W. Bush at the Capital in DC where she was honored for her work with the DEC program.

In 2008-2009, as a private DEC consultant, Sue worked with POST to develop a 2-hour DEC training video. The video is required Advanced Officer Training for all California law enforcement officers. She also worked with the California Department of Justice, Crime and Violence Prevention Unit, to develop a 45-minute DEC training and public awareness video entitled "Rescue the Children: Making a Case for DEC".

Currently, Sue is a private consultant working as the Executive Director of the Drug Endangered Children Training and Advocacy Center which was established under a state grant (California Emergency Management Agency) to train all multi-jurisdictional drug task forces (MJDTF) within the state.