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# Drug Endangered Children Training and Advocacy Center



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**In Pursuit of Law Enforcement Action  
For Drug Endangered Children**

## Mission

The Drug Endangered Children Training and Advocacy Center (DEC-TAC) is committed to providing the most current evidence-based training, technical assistance, and resources available for investigation of drug-related child endangerment cases. Our training is available statewide to law enforcement, child welfare services (CWS), prosecutor's and other professionals who will identify and rescue children from dangerous drug environments by providing children with the services, resources and medical care they need to ensure their well-being and safety.

## Importance of DEC

DEC-TAC and the Drug Task Force Program is vital to the well-being of our communities. It addresses both sides of the drug issue; supply and demand. It provides the tools to break the cycle of drug abuse and violence by providing early intervention and prevention resources to societies most vulnerable, our children. This is accomplished through the use of multidisciplinary response teams. Eighty to ninety percent of our crime rate has a drug nexus, while more than eighty percent of CWS caseloads have an underlying substance abuse issue. Professionals have four laws that provide direction to law enforcement, CWS and other professionals about working together to address child abuse, neglect and endangerment, yet all are slow to respond to the call for help.

Children don't start out to be juvenile delinquents. In great part its learned behavior associated with the chaotic drug lifestyle these children are born into. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study, conducted by Kaiser and the CDC Prevention has documented the harm caused to our children from these experiences. Safeguarding children of arrested parents & using a trauma informed approach is crucial to a child's health and well-being.

Benefits of employing the DEC strategy vs the traditional drug enforcement strategy includes; Identifying and rescuing children of child endangerment, breaks the cycle of drug abuse and violence, diminishes future delinquent behavior, holds caregivers responsible, reduction in disproportionate minority contacts, better plea bargains, reduces civil and criminal liability, and identifies victims of DV. Drug courts play an essential role in assessing the needs of the parent, offender, family and community. When criminal court is the appropriate course of action, a felony conviction for child endangerment 273a (a) P.C. is 2, 4 or 6 years for each child.

**Providing multidiscipline training, resources, skills, knowledge and expertise to law enforcement, CWS, and other professionals who rescue children from dangerous drug environments.**

## Services Provided by DEC-TAC

DEC-TAC was created to provide the necessary training and tools to meet the mandates of state law, federal law, Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) and tribal governments. DEC-TAC provides the following services:

### Core Training Course - POST & STC Certified

- ▲ **8 hour DEC Investigations Course (Indian Country version available)**

### Optional Training Courses \*

- ▲ **4 hour Drug ID and Awareness Course**
- ▲ **4 hour Search Warrant Preparation and Report Writing for DEC Cases**
- ▲ **2-4 hour Dangers Associated with Marijuana, Grows and BHO labs**
- ▲ **4 hour DEC Tactics and Liabilities for Commander's**
- ▲ **1-2 hour DEC for Executive Management**
- ▲ **4 hour Keeping Illegal Activity out of Rental Property**
- ▲ **2 hour Mandated Reporter Training Course**
- ▲ **2 hour Human Trafficking of Minors Course**
- ▲ **4 hour Law Enforcement in Indian Country: Public Law 280**

\*Optional courses are offered for those requiring remedial and/or advanced training on a DEC related subject matter. For a complete list of DEC related courses visit our website @ [dectrainingcenter.com](http://dectrainingcenter.com)

- ◆ **Technical assistance** which includes; In-field DEC training on case-by-case basis, Expert DEC witnesses, Case management consultants, Website resources with sample DEC forms (MOU's, protocols, data collection forms, search warrant language, first responder checklists and much more), On-site trouble shooting and team building.
- ◆ DEC-TAC Instructors have years of DEC experience which includes line staff through executive management from law enforcement, children services, fire, prosecutors, medical, animal control, code enforcement, education, drug treatment and Indian Country.

Child Abuse Victim



Marijuana Lab Explosion Sends 2 Kids to Hospital



Domestic Violence Victim

