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OUTREACH

Outreach is an activity of providing services to any populations who might not otherwise have access to those services. A key component of outreach is that the groups providing it are not stationary, but mobile; in other words they are meeting those in need of outreach services at the locations where those in need are.

Methamphetamine Symposium November, 2017 East Parkway

- 140 attendees, audience- professionals
- Presentations included:
 - The need for capacity building, Strategic plan development
 - Role of federal methamphetamine enforcement
 - Impact of meth on health/behavioral health, environment, criminal justice, child welfare,
 - Prevention/early intervention
 - Treatment
 - Personal stories

Attendees Evaluation Summary

- Event was filled with great information from the variety of speakers
- Well organized and each presentation had a nice transition from one to the next
- Personal stories were impactful
- Great collaboration of agencies

Methamphetamine Public Forum October, 2018 Oak Park

- 120 attendees, audience- community members, community providers, professionals
- Provided street outreach in Oak Park community
- Presentations included:
 - Impact of meth on communities-environmental, health
 - Prevention/treatment
 - Mobile crisis services
 - Public comment
 - Personal stories

Outreach and Education Outcomes

- Harness resources for the implementation of strategic plan
- Develop collaboration between law enforcement and various sectors in meth prevention
- Increase in Community awareness of affects of meth

Community Participant Requests

- Increase community and media campaigns to enhance awareness and empower local agencies and citizens to respond to the meth threat
- Look at capacity for treatment and work with local law enforcement and criminal justice system and courts on treatment alternatives to incarceration and reduced recidivism
- Establish more recent baseline data and means to collect ongoing data and sharing of the data
- Increase more sharing of environmental service response to meth with protocols and procedures enhancing community safety
- Develop laws to combat production, clean up for meth at local, and state levels

