

***The Impact of Methamphetamine
on Children and Families***

Research and Community Response

This conference will provide an opportunity to learn about methamphetamine and its impact on children and families. It will highlight research conducted on methamphetamine use and child welfare in the rural Midwest, and present on how agencies in another Minnesota county have battled against this devastating drug. The conference will showcase agencies and organizations currently working to confront the problem locally.

**The Center for Regional and Tribal Child
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Mission To promote the development of culturally competent advanced generalist social workers, practitioners, and leaders to serve at-risk children and their families through county and tribal agencies, focusing on Northern Minnesota.

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Keynote Speakers:

Wendy Haight, Ph.D.
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
James Black, MD, Ph.D
Southern Illinois University

Co-authors of:

*“In these Bleak Days: Parent Methamphetamine
Abuse and Child Welfare in the Rural Midwest”*

Thursday February 9, 2006

12:30 – 4:00

Friday, February 10, 2006

9:00am-4:00pm

**University of Minnesota Duluth
Kirby Ballroom
10 University Drive
Duluth MN 55812**

Conference sponsored by:

*The University of Minnesota Duluth Center for
Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies*

*The University of Minnesota Medical School
Center for American Indian and Minority Health*

*The University of Minnesota Consortium on Law
and Values in Health, Environment and the
Life Sciences*

Registration Deadline Friday, February 3, 2006

Conference Schedule UMD Kirby Ballroom

Thursday February 9, 2006

12:30 – 1:00 Registration

1:00—2:15 ***The Methamphetamine Challenge***
Deborah Durkin, State of Minnesota Department
of Health

2:30 – 3:30 ***Methamphetamine across the Dis-***
ciplines Multidisciplinary panel including repre-
sentatives from the medical, human services, law
enforcement, and public health sectors.

3:30 - 4:00 ***Treatment and recovering from***
methamphetamine

Friday February 10, 2006

9:00 –9:15 Welcome

9:15 – 11:30 ***“In these Bleak Days: Parent***
Methamphetamine Abuse and Child Welfare in
the Rural Midwest” Research presented by co-
authors Wendy Haight, Ph.D., University of Illi-
nois Champagne-Urbana and James Black, MD,
Ph.D., Southern Illinois University.

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 ***“Pre-natal impacts of Metham-***
phetamine” Robert Payne, MD.

1:30 - 2:30 ***Wright County MEADA***
(Methamphetamine Education and Drug Aware-
ness Coalition) Margaret Munson, Wright County

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 - 4:00 ***Local, Tribal and County Response***
Panel report on activities in the area with repre-
sentatives from agencies such as Fond du Lac Hu-
man Services, St. Louis County Drug Endangered
Children program, Duluth Meth Task Force, and
First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center.

4:00 Evaluation

Highlighted Speakers

Wendy Haight Wendy graduated from Reed College,
Oregon with her Bachelor’s of Arts. Wendy received her
Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, where she studies
developmental and cultural psychology. Wendy has been
at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign for the
past 11 years. She is an associate professor of Social
Work, and director of the Ph.D. program.

Over the years, Wendy has conducted research that focuses
on vulnerable families involved with the public child wel-
fare system. In the past 2 ½ years, Wendy has been in-
volved in a research program examining the impact of par-
ent methamphetamine abuse on children in rural Illinois.

James Black James Black, MD, Ph.D. is a graduate of
Reed College (BA) and the University of Illinois at Ur-
bana-Champaign where he received an MD and Ph.D. in
neuroscience. He completed his psychiatry residency at
University of Utah. He currently is an assistant professor
at Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine in
Springfield, Illinois.

He has published extensively in the area of neuroplasticity
focusing on the effects of early experience and trauma on
brain development. For the past three years he has done
research on the role of parental methamphetamine abuse on
children's mental health and overall well-being.

Robert Payne Dr. Payne is a neonatologist and medi-
cal director of the NICU at Children's Hospitals and Clin-
ics of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus. He has been taking
care of neonates since 1974 and has been at Children's
NICU since 1987. He has a special interest in improving
the quality of NICU care and connecting the NICU to the
community's needs more effectively. He has developed a
special interest in prenatal drug abuse and its implications
for newborns.

Deborah Durkin Deborah Durkin is an Environ-
mental Research Scientist with the Minnesota Department
of Health, Division of Environmental Health; co-founder in
2000 of the MN Multi-Agency Meth Lab Taskforce; and
Coordinator of the MDH Methamphetamine Program. Ms.
Durkin has provided training and presentations throughout
the state and nation on meth-related topics for the past six
years.

Registration Information

There is no fee for this conference.

Please register with Mary Simon

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**Please register by Friday,
February 3, 2006**

***Certificates of Attendance will be provided for
nine contact hours.***

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