



# Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Newsletter

## MISSION

Increase training and on-going educational opportunities regarding issues faced by drug endangered children and their families. This includes prevention, recognition, response, intervention, and follow up for the public and private sectors responsible for the care of children.



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From the Desk of William Benson . . .

## *Eighth Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference*

On September 14 – 16, 2011, the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children partnered with Children and Family Futures to host its national conference in Potomac, Maryland. The conference, which had over 700 attendees, provided training to a variety of stakeholders responding to drug endangered children.

Betsy Dunn, Chairperson for the Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, was very involved in the conference, making two presentations during the week. She participated in the kick-off training session where a number of key DEC professionals from around the country shared perspectives in a very creative approach. Attendees learned how the various stakeholders work together (and sometimes encounter difficulties in their overlapping duties) and how important each and every agency and department can be in the process of protecting these children. Betsy also participated in a follow-up plenary session that allowed attendees to interact with these professionals.

This was the eighth annual conference sponsored by the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. The first conference held in Denver, Colorado, in 2040, was actually where the idea to form the Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children was set in motion.

While TADEC was not officially created until about a year and a half after this conference, several attendees were from Tennessee and were motivated by this conference into establishing a DEC program in Tennessee.

In 2006, the Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children hosted the Third Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference, being the first state to actually host the conference in partnership with the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Over 300 attendees from throughout the country came to Nashville for this conference.

The Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conferences are a great opportunity for people from child and community services, criminal justice, education, treatment programs, and anyone else interested in protecting children from drugs to learn new and innovative ways to approach these problems and to network with the experts from around the country.

The next conference will be held on October 23–25, 2012, at the Downtown Marriott in Des Moines, Iowa. We would love to have a great turnout from Tennessee.

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# DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROTOCOL ADOPTED BY ALL COUNTIES OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



District Attorney General Russell Phillips and Morgan County Sheriff Glen Freytag Sign Drug Endangered Children Protocol

Kingston — The Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children recognizes 9th Judicial District Attorney General Russell Johnson and all of the departments, agencies, and organizations who were involved in signing their Drug Endangered Children Protocol. The 9th Judicial District becomes only the second multiple-county judicial district (Morgan, Roane, Loudon, and Meigs Counties) where all counties have signed an agreement. The Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition was also instrumental in providing funding for a member of General Johnson’s staff to attend the CADCAT training to learn how to prepare and implement the protocol.

The 25th Judicial District was the first multiple-county judicial district to have protocols for all of its counties.

The Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children recognizes The Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force (TMTF) for displaying the Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children logo on all TMTF Response Vehicles, Meth Cleanup Trailers, and Meth Education Trailers.



**If You Cook It  
We Will Come**



## Article from *The Herald-Citizen* by Bailey Darow on 13 June 2011:

### *Crossville Woman Charged With Child Abuse After Reported "Bath Salts" Use*

**COOKEVILLE**—A Crossville couple, who admitted to taking "bath salts" drugs and thought there were snakes in a cushion of furniture that they had received, traveled all the way to Cookeville Regional Medical Center late Friday night to seek treatment for what they thought were snakes bites, according to a report by Cookeville Police Officer Robert King. Danny Farmer, 34 of Stone Crest Loop, Crossville, came running naked into the emergency room of CRMC, yelling and complaining that snakes were biting him, according to King's report. Farmer's girlfriend, Stephanie Michelle Hartley, 27, of Stone Crest Loop, Crossville, had driven Farmer to the ER and left her two children, ages 3 and 4, in the car in the hospital parking lot. Officer Michael Herrick, who was working at CRMC at the time,

stated that Hartley, "was not acting quite right," the report says. A doctor who had been walking into the ER brought the children inside where they were waiting when King arrived. "She (Hartley) said that she was told her chair had snakes under the cushion so she checked," King's report says. "When she flipped the cushion she said that the snake came out." Hartley also told King that she lifted a blanket and "lots of baby snakes crawled out and this is when her boyfriend, Danny, started to get scared and act crazy," the report says. The couple then loaded into a car with the children and drove from Crossville to CRMC. "Stephanie was clearly unsteady on her feet, with shaky head movements," King's report says. "She seemed calm one minute during her speaking, then she would sud-

denly be sad and crying or happy and laughing. Her pupils were large and her eye movement was shifty." A "bath salts" container was found in Farmer's clothing that he had taken off prior to entering the ER and when asked if Farmer had ingested the **salts**, Hartley reportedly told Officer King, "Yeah, we took some earlier, but just a little." Farmer was found to have no signs of snake bites on his body and Hartley's two children were placed in protective custody. Hartley was taken to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office where she was booked into jail on charges of child abuse, child neglect and public intoxication. The Putnam County Sheriff's Department had no record of charges filed against Farmer.

## Article from *The Herald-Citizen* by Bailey Darow on 13 June 2011:

### *Pepper Spray Leads to Child Abuse Charges*

**COOKEVILLE**—The hallways and lobby area of Alpine Lodge on East Spring filled with pepper spray Saturday afternoon after a man who claimed to have taken "bath salts" drugs ran through the building spraying pepper spray, claiming that three men were chasing him, police say. Cookeville Police Officer Ryan Moore responded to a report of pepper spray being sprayed in the lodge. Upon arrival, he found Harry and Jacqueline Lovell were standing in the parking lot waving their arms in the air, and three children and an infant were seated on the sidewalk all of which were crying with red faces. According to Moore's report, a bystander stated that Harry Lovell had run through the halls of the lodge spraying pepper spray yelling. Moore's report says, "Mr. Lovell stated that he and his wife (Jacqueline Lovell) had been using "bath

salts." Officer Moore's report says, "Mr. Lovell stated that there were three men after him, and that was why he began to spray the pepper spray." Moore said the lobby was filled with the fumes from the spray and there were several people outside "coughing from breathing the spray." Emergency workers were called to treat the children that had been sprayed and spoke with the other bystanders to ensure that they were not injured. The Cookeville Fire Department responded to the scene with a fan to air out the lobby. The minor children, along with Harry and Jacqueline Lovell were transported to Cookeville Regional Medical Center for treatment. Child services workers placed the children in protective custody. Jacqueline Lovell, who had been waving her arms and "rolling her eyes" when Moore arrived, was placed in

intensive care and Harry Lovell was released from the hospital and taken to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to face charges of aggravated child abuse. On Sunday, Cookeville Police Officer Robert King picked up Jacqueline Lovell at CRMC and transported her to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office where she was booked on charges of aggravated child abuse and neglect.

## UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES

### Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference

October 23-25, 2012

Downtown Marriott

Des Moines, Iowa



This three-day event provides training on the latest research and best practice for Drug Endangered Children efforts at the community, state, and federal level. The conference will include topics related to child welfare, environmental health, medical, prevention, the judiciary and drug courts, substance abuse and mental health.

### 8th Annual Tennessee Connecting for Children's Justice Conference

November 20-22, 2011

Sheraton Music City Hotel

Nashville, TN

The annual conference provides interdisciplinary education to support professional excellence in the field of child maltreatment by offering diverse beginner, intermediate and advanced workshops with special concentrated tracks for law enforcement, attorneys, medical personnel, CAC staff, therapists, prevention, case managers, and more. **Do not miss this excellent opportunity to network with professionals from across the state and increase your knowledge on recent research affecting child welfare.**



Tennessee Alliance  
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We welcome your suggestions for future issues and topics for the TADEC Newsletter. Please provide suggestions/changes/additions to the Board and Newsletter Committee by emailing [debbie.maherry@tadec.com](mailto:debbie.maherry@tadec.com).

#### Helpful Websites

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[www.cadcat.org](http://www.cadcat.org)

[www.methfreetn.org](http://www.methfreetn.org)

[www.rid-meth.org](http://www.rid-meth.org)

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**Drug Endangered  
Children . . . Are those  
children who suffer  
physical or psychological  
harm or neglect resulting  
from exposure to illegal  
drugs or persons under the  
influence of illegal drugs or  
exposure to dangerous  
environments where drugs  
are being manufactured or  
chemicals used to make  
drugs are accessible.  
The drug endangered  
children in Tennessee are  
part of a very large  
population of children  
whose lives have been  
seriously and negatively  
impacted by dangerous  
drugs.**