

“METH” IN INDIAN COUNTRY JAILS



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Introduction

- Meth began reaching epidemic proportions in the late 90's across the United States
- The effects were almost immediately devastating.



How Serious ?

- ⦿ 2006 National Methamphetamine Initiative Survey
- ⦿ 74% responded that “Meth” posed the greatest threat to the communities they serve.
- ⦿ 43% reported powder “Meth” is in high supply
- ⦿ 46% reported crystal “Meth” is in high supply

CRIME

- ⦿ Increase in crimes due to “Meth”
- ⦿ Domestic Violence 64%
- ⦿ Burglary Crimes 57%
- ⦿ Homicide 04%
- ⦿ Assault / Battery 64%
- ⦿ Child Neglect / Abuse 48%
- ⦿ Elderly Abuse 24%
- ⦿ Armed Robbery 02%
- ⦿ Sexual Crimes 22%
- ⦿ Weapons Violations 31%



Effects In Jails

- Overcrowding
- Intensified Supervision
 - “Spun –Up”
 - Harming Themselves
 - Euphoria
 - Insomnia
 - Anxiety
 - Fighting
 - Lack of Respect for Property and Others



Effects Continued

- Violence
 - Harm to others
 - Harm to self
 - Destruction / Damaging Property
- Contraband Control
 - Attempting to make “Meth”
 - Hoarding
 - Smuggling
 - Nuisance Contraband



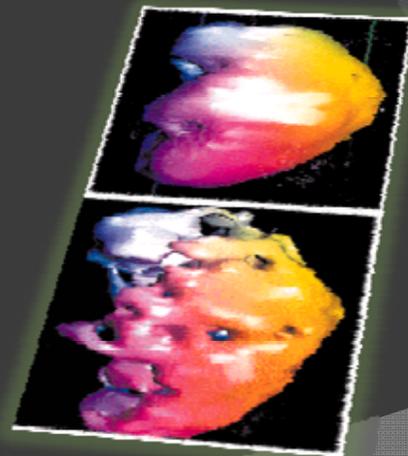
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- ⦿ Mental Health Issues
 - Depression
 - Irrational Behavior
 - Paranoia
 - Confusion



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- ⦿ Health Care Concerns
- ⦿ Neurotoxin Effects
- ⦿ Increased Heart Rate
- ⦿ Increased Blood Pressure
- ⦿ Higher Risks of Strokes
- ⦿ Respiratory Problems
- ⦿ Irregular Heart Rate



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- Meth users, on the average increase the cost of housing from \$20.00 per day or more
- At \$20.00 per day x 365 days = \$7300.00 per inmate annually

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- Officer Safety
- Special Management Needs
- Need for Overtime
- Reduced Resources



Steps to Consider

- Staff Training and Education
- Drug Courts
- Effective Treatments
- Specialized Centers
- Community Awareness
- Closer Monitoring
- After Care / post incarceration