
Are we making strides in the fight against meth? **Absolutely.**



Law enforcement officials, professionals in drug prevention and treatment, and many others have been working hard to eliminate meth from people's lives. And it's working—meth use has declined among young adults since 2002.¹

There is still much work to be done, however. In areas across the country where meth use and production continue, this drug leaves a path of destruction that rips apart communities and families, endangers children and overburdens police forces.

Left untreated, drug addiction costs communities millions of dollars and places untold burdens on families. But treatment for addiction, including for meth, works.² Not only does it work, but it's a no-nonsense way to fight the disease of addiction and break the cycle of drug abuse and crime often associated with meth.

Just ask Josh.

Josh's first encounter with meth at the age of 17 spiraled into a full-blown addiction. It cost him his job at a car dealership, his house, and the trust of his family. Soon after, Josh was arrested for meth possession. Through a drug court in Dunklin County, MO, Josh was provided the treatment, structure and accountability he needed to turn his life around. His recovery is an ongoing process that continues today; Josh now works as a junior drug counselor and lives with his wife and kids.

DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT IS COST-EFFECTIVE

For every \$1 invested in drug treatment programs there's a \$12 savings in crime and health care costs.³

People can—and do—recover from meth addiction.

Find out about substance abuse treatment, and support meth treatment in your community.

National Association of Drug Court Professionals
National Association of Attorneys General
Major Cities Chiefs Association
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
Partnership for a Drug-Free America

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¹ SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2008, Table G.8

² Recovery rates for meth users entering treatment are comparable to those for users of other similar drugs. National Institute on Drug Abuse, "Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment: A Research-Based Guide," April 2009

³ National Institute on Drug Abuse, "NIDA InfoFacts: Treatment Approaches for Drug Addiction," June 2008