



Meth Danger Message Reaching Kids

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Meth use; not even once. That's the message the Wyoming Meth Project hopes to get across as they hold a press conference with students and teachers at Kelly Walsh high school.

With the legalization of marijuana in many states and the argument that such drugs can be beneficial, the name of the game is perception. The Meth Project wants to make sure that kids understand the harm they can come from experimenting with these drugs even one time.

"One of the reasons we're losing the battle nation wide about marijuana use is that young people and others do not perceive that there is a great risk in experimenting with marijuana," says the event's speaker Rodger McDaniel.

Speakers shared the results of the latest Roper survey on meth use and attitudes. The survey results show that kids are getting the message as 93% of teens reported awareness about the health hazards of meth use.

"Meth use has been declining in Wyoming over the last decade," says McDaniel, "Meth use has dropped by more than 50 percent in the last 10 years."

The survey reports that the number of teens who say they've been offered meth is down from 16% in 2008 to 13% in 2010.

"64% of the kids in Wyoming see significant risk in using meth," says Jean Davies, Executive Director of the Meth Project, "where only 36% see risk in using marijuana and alcohol."

The report also revealed that the perception among teen that meth is "very" or "somewhat easy" to obtain has fallen by eight percent since 2008.