

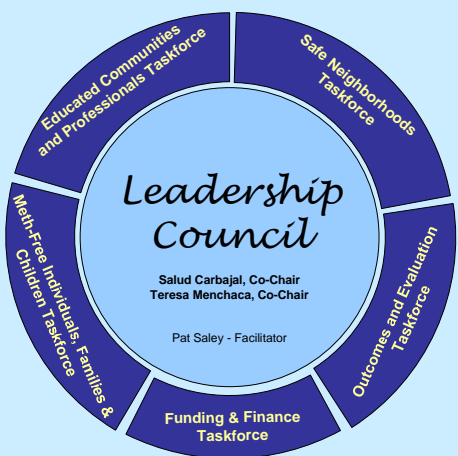
# Our Mission Statement

*"The Methamphetamine Prevention Network (MPN) of Santa Barbara County is a collaborative effort of public and private organizations, coalitions and stakeholders working together to develop & implement prevention, treatment and intervention strategies to reduce the impact of methamphetamine use on Santa Barbara County residents."*

## About Us...

State and local governments struggle to deal with the production, distribution and abuse of the highly destructive drug—methamphetamine, which has been identified as a considerable problem facing the County of Santa Barbara. Local agencies, along with community coalitions throughout the county, identified the need for a more coordinated approach to preventing and reducing methamphetamine.

In response, the County of Santa Barbara hosted the *Summit on Methamphetamine* in December 2006 as the first in a series of steps to address the meth epidemic. Attended by 125 key representatives, participants developed prevention, intervention, and treatment strategies as well as the collaborative network, today called the Methamphetamine Prevention Network. The Network consists of the Leadership Council (LC) and five Task Forces (TF). The Network is a public and private collaborative established to reduce methamphetamine problems and improve collaboration, coordination and communication throughout Santa Barbara County.



# How You Can Help!

The Methamphetamine Prevention Network needs your support in conquering the methamphetamine epidemic. Funding is needed for the following initiatives:

**1. Media Campaign** – Support is needed for the creation of a local countywide media campaign. This effort includes a 30-minute documentary in English & Spanish shown on all local tv stations (in “roadblock” format - aired on the same day & time) in January 2009. The campaign includes countywide publicity and coordination with all schools. This effort has shown success when it’s well coordinated among the media, schools, law enforcement, providers & community leaders.

**2. Treatment for Methamphetamine Abuse** – Support is needed for the creation of a full-service partnership to provide methamphetamine treatment services for abusers and their families utilizing in-home support services to maximize independence of families.



*Please help keep our youth safe and drug free.*

**3. Coordination of Drug Endangered Children** – Funding is needed for coordination of the Santa Barbara County Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program. DEC is a multi-agency approach to assist and protect drug-endangered children whose lives are jeopardized by their families illegal manufacturing, sales, possession and use of drugs in the home.

**4. Training & Educational Materials** - Brochures in English and Spanish and training support are needed to help keep community members throughout the county informed about the harms associated with methamphetamine and where to find resources.

Call Nancy Vasquez, Project Manager at 805.968.0345 or email at [nvasquez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:nvasquez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) to discuss ways in which you can help fund these initiatives.

# Leadership Council

The Leadership Council consists of public agencies and community coalitions throughout the county and serves as the decision making body of the Methamphetamine Prevention Network.

## COMMUNITY COALITIONS:

### **Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back**

Ms. Teresa Menchaca*	Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back
Carrick Adam, MD, MSPH	Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back
Councilwoman Alice Patino	Santa Maria City Council & Santa Barbara County 4th District

### **Lompoc Recovery Task Force**

Ms. Pat Brady	Good Samaritan Services, Inc.
Mr. Kevin Smith	Zona Seca Youth & Family Treatment

### **Santa Ynez Valley Coalition to Promote Drug Free Youth**

Ms. Lois Craig	People Helping People
Ms. Cindy Stevens	Community Volunteer

### **Santa Barbara Fighting Back**

Dr. Shereen Khatapoush	Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse
Mr. Eric Hanson	Santa Barbara Co. District Attorney

### **Carpinteria Cares for Youth**

Ms. Carolyn Wood	Real Estate
Mr. Steve Powell	Rincon/Foothill High Schools

## PUBLIC AGENCIES:

Com. Ken Bambrick	County Law Enforcement Chief's/ SB Reg. Narcotics Enforcement Team
Supervisor Salud Carbajal*	Board of Supervisors: 1st District
Ms. Georgina Duran-Conn	Probation Department
Judge Rogelio Flores	Superior Court
Ms. Kathy Gallagher	Social Services Department
Ms. Nancy Gottlieb	Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
Ms. Susan Klein-Rothschild	Public Health Department

\* Co-chairs

# Task Forces

The Methamphetamine Prevention Network also includes five task forces that are charged with refining the prevention, treatment and intervention strategies developed at the Summit and developing action plans to sustain implementation. They include:

1. Educated Communities & Professionals (Prevention)
2. Meth Free Individuals, Children & Families (Treatment)
3. Safe Neighborhoods (Intervention/Law Enforcement)
4. Outcomes & Evaluation
5. Finance Task Force

# FACTS ABOUT METH

- Meth has long lasting effects: 50% of cocaine is removed from the body in 1 hour, 50% of meth is removed in 12 hours.
- Between FY 00-01 & FY 06-07, admissions to treatment for methamphetamine increased from 19% of all admissions to 37%.
- Most meth users in Santa Barbara County are young adults: 77% of those in publicly funded treatment between 2007-2008 were between the ages of 18-40.
- Meth is the number one primary drug of choice at admission (37%) in Santa Barbara County in FY 06/07.
- In 2005, 78% of drug-related bookings to Santa Barbara County Juvenile Halls were for meth.
- 67% of all foster care placement episodes in 2007 were related to parental substance abuse.
- Approximately half (52%) of the 300 children in out-of-home placement on July 1, 2006 in Santa Barbara County were removed from their home due to abuse or neglect resulting from parental use of methamphetamine.

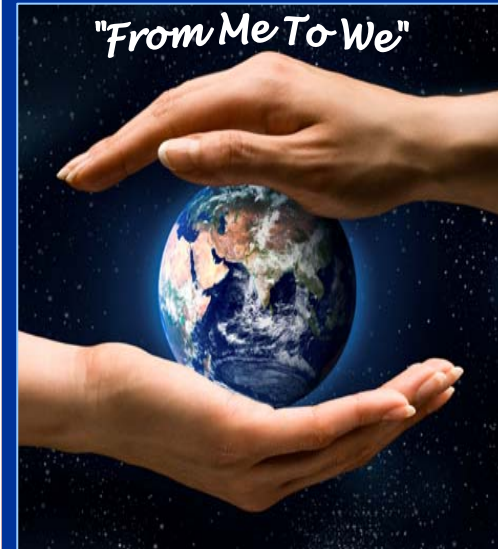
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Or visit our website at:  
[www.StopMethInSBC.org](http://www.StopMethInSBC.org)

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Stop Meth Use in Santa Barbara County



## Methamphetamine Prevention Network

**A Collaborative Effort of  
Public & Private  
Organizations Dedicated  
to Reducing  
Methamphetamine Abuse  
Throughout Santa  
Barbara County**