

HISTORY IS REPEATING, THE METH EPIDEMIC

Have you noticed in our society that clothes, music, toys, etc. that were trendy twenty years ago are now back in style. The same is with the drug world. Drugs that were "popular" in the 60's and early 70's have returned. The family of drugs known as stimulants (speed) are back! One in particular, Methamphetamine (Meth, Crystal) has spread over this county in epidemic proportions. The high is similar to cocaine or crack with one significant difference. A dose of cocaine may last several hours, as compared to a dose of Meth lasting eight to twenty-four hours. Consequences are severe depression, suicidal tendencies, physical and mental exhaustion and weight loss followed by weight gain. Peripheral effects include constriction of blood vessels causing high blood pressure and increased heart rate leading to a dangerous combination. Hemorrhagic strokes are common among Meth users. Research has proven that brain damage is caused by Methamphetamine. A person using Meth three to six months may take two years to recover mentally and physically, if at all. This drug is made in clandestine labs that are highly toxic and dangerous requiring a haz-mat team for clean up. Acetone, ether, kerosene, ammonia and ephedrine are just a few of the chemicals used to manufacture Meth. Because of this, it is time to re-educate our society on our history to help prevent future problems.