



NATIONAL ALLIANCE
FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN
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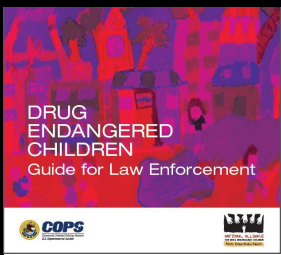


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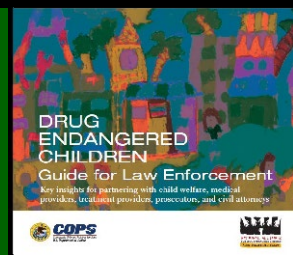


Our Vision:

100% Healthy, Safe Children, Families and Communities free from the negative impact of substance misuse and drug activity.



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Our Mission and History



The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children defines drug endangered children as children who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of legal and/or illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution. They may also be children whose caretaker’s legal and/or illegal substance misuse interferes with the caretaker’s ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment.

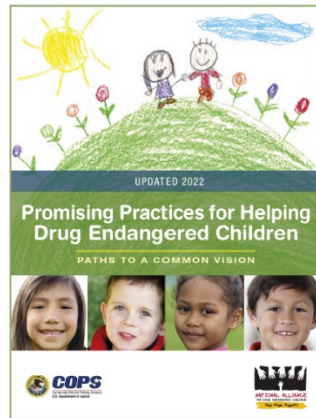
The **National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC)** exists to build awareness, provide training and programs, and offers tools or best practices to help make a difference in the lives of children, families and communities. National DEC’s mission is to teach early identification, response, and appropriate intervention services for children and families affected by parental or caregiver substance misuse. We equip comprehensive, multidisciplinary alliances, communities, organizations, and individuals with access to our national resource centers, training, and technical assistance.

The DEC challenge is identifying children affected by substance misuse environments as early as possible, intervening appropriately and providing services to the children and their family members. Children are often the first affected but can be the last recognized as being affected by substance misuse.

Our Solution: To address the challenges of these cases and the needs of drug endangered children, National DEC has developed **The DEC Approach: “a multidisciplinary strategy to change the trajectory of a drug endangered child’s life through recognition of a common vision, ongoing collaboration between disciplines, and ongoing change in practices and policies, all of which increases the likelihood of better outcomes for drug endangered children.”**

History: Formed in 2003 and incorporated in 2006 as a non-profit charitable organization, National DEC believes the best way to address the needs of drug endangered children is a collaborative approach that puts the needs of children first.

Partners: National DEC is grateful to have received grant funding and support for our mission from the US Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Office, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Office for Victims of Crime. To meet the increasing need for our services, we also welcome contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations aligned with our mission.



Our Programs

Please contact info@nationaldec.org for pricing for each training.

Training	Description	Length
DEC Academy 101: Developing Foundational Knowledge	This series of Drug Endangered Children (DEC) training is designed to provide the foundational knowledge around drug endangered children. Sessions include: Orientation, Online Training (self-paced), DEC Awareness, the DEC Approach, Marijuana: The Danger Remains, Intersection of DEC and Human Trafficking.	The DEC Academy 101 is only offered virtually and runs for 2 hours for each of the 5 sessions.
DEC Awareness	With the National DEC mission in mind, the DEC Awareness Training looks at the risks and long-term impact of drug endangered children, overcoming the challenges of aligning the agencies and systems responsible for preventing, intervening, and treating these issues to change the trajectories of the lives of drug endangered children and break multigenerational cycles of abuse and neglect.	DEC Awareness is offered virtually and in-person and runs for 2 hours.
The DEC Approach “Moving from Awareness to Action...”	The DEC Approach “Moving from Awareness to Action...” focuses on how to implement the DEC Approach which is a comprehensive strategy based on a common vision, collaboration that is ongoing between various disciplines and agencies, and ongoing changes in practice. This training provides insights about how various practitioners are in a position to identify, protect, and serve drug endangered children and their families.	The DEC Approach is offered virtually and in-person and runs for 2-3 hours.
Training of Trainers	This training certifies DEC alliance members to deliver DEC Awareness and the DEC Approach presentations within their local community or state. <i>*Completion of the DEC Development Academy 101 is a prerequisite for participation in the Training of Trainers.</i>	The Training of Trainers is a 3-day (24 hours) training which can take place 3 days back to back in-person or 4 hours/day for 6 days virtually.
DEC Roadmap and Toolkit Academy	This Academy focuses on how to implement the DEC Roadmap and Toolkit which is a strategy in building multidisciplinary drug endangered children (DEC) alliance. This 8-session academy includes: Introduction, Capacity Building and Collaboration, Awareness, Implementation, Institutionalization Stages and Coaching sessions.	The Roadmap and Toolkit Academy is only offered virtually and runs for 8 sessions.

