

**Meth fact:** *Arizona ranks in the top four states for per capita drug arrest among adolescents for synthetic drug possession or use, which is largely for Methamphetamine.*

## **CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT**

Ice, speed, crank, tweak, crystal, shards, white cross, poor man's cocaine, or meth, all of these names represent the same problem. Meth is not the problem of a particular community, it is a problem to all of society.

Meth affects not only the user, but it affects their family, their children, their friends and their neighbors. Meth has been responsible for tremendous increases in criminal activity, domestic violence and child neglect cases. We cannot afford to allow meth addiction and abuse to thrive in our communities. It is up to us to stop this growing problem, and offer help to those in need.



If you or someone you know has a problem with meth, there is hope for recovery! Please call Information and Referral Services at (520) 881-1794

**Join the Meth Free Alliance today!**

The Meth Free Alliance is committed to reducing the negative impact of methamphetamine at all community levels through legal, legislative, grassroots, and personal action, and through active partnerships in the Tucson/Pima County area.

Only when we work together can we become part of the solution!



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## **HOW METH AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITY**

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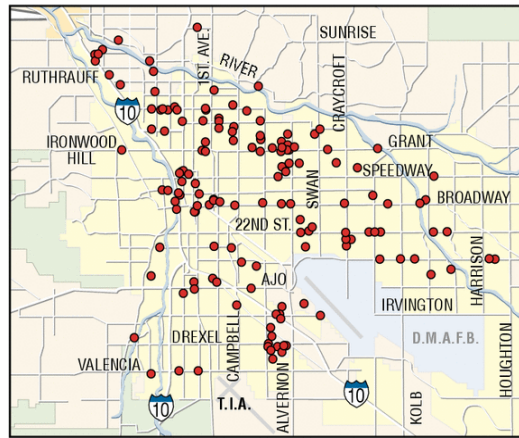
## METHED-UP COMMUNITIES

Methamphetamine is slowly deteriorating our quality of life and is continuing to spread throughout Tucson and the Pima County area. The spread of meth is doing more than placing more drugs in our community. It is causing increases in crimes such as theft, property damage, mail fraud and child neglect.

While there is a growing awareness about meth among individuals, we need to become aware of this growing dilemma community-wide and take action to eliminate this problem.

Please contact the Meth Free Alliance for education, information and tools.

**Meth Fact:** Clean up sites of meth labs such as the one below cost Arizona tax payers an additional \$5,000-\$10,000 per site.



*Meth activity in Tucson, 2000-2005*

## METH'S RIPPLING EFFECT

Meth causes more than a temporary high. The aftermath of meth has created tremendous increases in crime in Tucson and the Pima County area. According to local law enforcement, during one month in 2004, Methamphetamine trafficking and abuse was the largest single source of the following crimes:

- 66% of all burglary cases
- 56% of all fraud incidents
- 27% of all auto thefts
- 95% of all mail thefts and mail frauds
- 40% of recent homicides
- 50% of all property crime

Additionally, in 2004 meth was responsible for 600 children being removed from their homes and being placed in the Pima County foster care system.

## RECOVERING OUR COMMUNITIES

The Meth Free Alliance believes that efforts among the Tucson community focus not only on meth prevention, but recovery for meth dependent residents in our community.

There are dozens of meth users who commit themselves to recovery every day, but without support from the surrounding community, successful recovery is difficult.

If you know of a loved one who is addicted to meth, or are looking to change your life, please call Information and Referral Services at 1-800-362-3474, or call the local site at (520) 881-1794 to find information regarding treatment and counseling today.

To report suspicious activities please call (520) 547-8800.

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