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Dear Colleague:

Greetings from the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL)! I am pleased to invite you to the **National Methamphetamine Legislative and Policy Conference, October 25-27, 2004 at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota**. Registration materials and a draft agenda are included in this mailing.

As states throughout the country are now working to address methamphetamine (meth) labs, NAMSDL has received numerous questions from state officials. These questions include:

- Are there agreed-upon medical protocols to use with children found at meth lab sites?
- Is there effective treatment for meth addiction? If so, what impact does that have on placement decisions for the children of meth-addicted parents?
- How are state statutes protecting these children? Are states using child abuse and/or neglect laws? If not, what statutes are being applied?
- Are restrictions on the sale of over-the-counter drugs effective in reducing the diversion of precursor chemicals?
- Are states passing restrictions on how over-the-counter drugs containing pseudoephedrine are displayed for sale?
- Are there statutory standards for the clean-up of meth lab sites?
- Are contractors who are paid to clean up meth lab sites licensed or otherwise regulated?
- Do home buyers receive notice that properties for sale were former meth lab sites?

NAMSDL offers this event to focus on legislative and policy options toward creating effective, comprehensive, and coordinated responses to these issues. Participants will hear overviews of existing state statutes, presentations re: the practical application of selected state laws and results experienced, and have opportunities to ask questions and receive state-specific assistance from national and state experts. Additionally, recommendations from two national working groups will be presented at the conference to inform state and local planning and implementation of 1) medical protocols for children exposed to methamphetamine production and 2) clean-up standards for meth lab sites.

We anticipate up to 300 participants from across the country, including elected officials, state agency administrators, addiction treatment professionals, law enforcement officials, environmental specialists, physicians, child protective services staff, attorneys, public health officials, and others working in their states and communities on meth-related issues. Upon completion of this event, each participant will receive a certificate of attendance, stating the total number of hours this event encompasses; this will allow each attendee to have their participation in this conference considered by the relevant state accreditation board for his/her profession. If you have colleagues who may be interested in attending this event, please feel free to share this invitation and the accompanying materials with them.

There is no registration fee for this event, which is funded by a grant awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Award #2000-DD-BX-0027, in partnership with the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

If you have questions about the content of this event, please contact Amy Powell, the Deputy Director of NAMSDL, at 703-836-6100, x18 or by e-mail at [amypowell@natlalliance.org](mailto:amypowell@natlalliance.org). If you wish to learn more about NAMSDL, please see our website at [www.natlalliance.org](http://www.natlalliance.org). I hope that you will join us in St. Paul!

Sincerely,

Sherry L. Green, Esq.  
Executive Director



# NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 25-27, 2004

RADISSON RIVERFRONT HOTEL, ST. PAUL, MN

## DRAFT AGENDA

### Monday, October 25, 2004

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Check-in for Participants

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Working Luncheon Program (All Attendees)  
Welcoming Remarks  
Goals of Conference

### *Protecting Children Found At or Near Methamphetamine Laboratories*

This portion of the conference will focus on legislative, policy, and protocol options for addressing the well-being of children found at or near methamphetamine laboratory sites.

1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Overview of State Laws & their Key Components

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The States' Experience: Application of Selected Statutes

3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Testing & Other Medical Protocols; National Medical Working Group Recommendations

4:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

General Questions for & Answers from Panelists

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Visit the Resource Room for Materials, Individual Assistance from Panelists

Throughout the conference, a Resource Room featuring materials from NAMSDL, states, federal agencies, and related national organizations will be available. Additionally, featured speakers and panelists will be available during designated times during the event to field specific questions and to offer tailored guidance to participants re: their states' efforts.

If you have materials that you would like to display and/or distribute, please indicate this in the space provided on the registration form. **NO VENDORS!**





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## Tuesday, October 26, 2004

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Visit the Resource Room

### *Protecting Families Affected by Addiction*

This portion of the conference will focus on addressing addiction, a critical element in a comprehensive strategy re: drug problems.

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Overview of State Laws & their Key Components

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Appropriate Treatment Options for Methamphetamine and Other Drugs, including Alcohol; Locating Services; Funding for Services; Policy Implications for Temporary and Permanent Custodial Decisions

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Questions for & Answers from Panelists

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Break – Visit Resource Room for Materials, Individual Assistance from Panelists

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Working Luncheon Program (All Attendees)  
Federal Responses to the Methamphetamine Problem; Funding Assistance for States

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break – Visit the Resource Room for Materials, Individual Assistance from Panelists

### *Controlling Pseudoephedrine & Other Precursor Chemicals*

This portion of the conference will focus on legislative, policy, and protocol options related to pseudoephedrine and other precursor chemicals currently used to produce methamphetamine.

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Overview of State Laws & their Key Components

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The States' Experience: Application of Selected Statutes

4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

General Questions to and Answers from Panelists

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Visit the Resource Room for Materials, Individual Assistance from Panelists

## Wednesday, October 27, 2004

### *Environmental Clean-Up & Liability*

This portion of the conference will focus on legislative, policy, and protocol options for addressing the clean-up of meth lab sites, related environmental issues, and liability.

8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

Overview of State Laws & their Key Components

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The States' Experience: Application of Selected Statutes

10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Recommendations of the National Environmental Working Group

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Questions to and Answers from Panelists

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Break – Visit the Resource Room for Materials, Individual Assistance from Panelists

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Working Luncheon Program (All Attendees)  
Congressional Responses to Methamphetamine

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break – Visit Resource Room for Materials, Individual Assistance from Panelists

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Community & Educational Options

3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

General Questions to and Answers from Panelists

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Session



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## Travel and Lodging Details

### Arrival Time and Departure Time:

Check in for the conference begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 25, 2004 with the first session starting at NOON. The event is scheduled to end at approximately 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2004. Please make your travel arrangements accordingly.

### Lodging:

The Alliance has arranged for participants of the conference to receive a discounted lodging rate of \$119.00 per night, single or double occupancy. All rates are subject to state and local taxes currently assessed at 13%. For your reference, the hotel contact information is:

**Radisson Riverfront Hotel**  
11 East Kellogg Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
651-292-1900 (direct line)  
800-333-3333 (toll-free)  
651-605-0189 (fax)

For more information about the hotel, visit [www.radisson.com/stpaulmn](http://www.radisson.com/stpaulmn).

### Travel to and from the Airport:

The travel time between the Minneapolis Airport and the Radisson Riverfront Hotel is approximately 15-20 minutes. At the airport, you may choose to use **Super Shuttle**, which will transport you between the airport and the hotel. The cost is \$12.00 each way, with a \$2.00 discount if a roundtrip ticket is purchased at the airport. Local cabs are also available at the Airport, with an approximate fare of \$20.00 - \$25.00 each way.

### Meals:

A working lunch will be provided on all three days of the conference, October 25th, 26th, and 27th. Also, a continental breakfast will be provided on the mornings of October 26th and 27th. Beverages will also be provided for breaks throughout the event.