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### Comal County Signs Interagency DEC Agreement

On March 18, representatives from The Texas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (TADEC) were on hand as representatives from Comal County Metro Narcotics Task Force, Comal County Sheriff's Office, New Braunfels Police Department, Garden Ridge Police Department, Bulverde Police Department, Texas Department of Family Protective Services, Comal County District Attorney's Office and the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County came together to sign a Drug Endangered Children Interagency Agreement.

Their mission: "To be unrelenting in the pursuit of safety for children exposed to the extreme dangers of drug-abuse environments in a manner that gives the child the best opportunity for a happy and productive future. Our efforts will include community agencies, organizations and the general public working in collaboration to prevent drug abuse, provide resources to children when drug abuse prevention efforts fail and aggressively work to break the cycle of drug abuse caused by those who manufacture, sell, and use drugs."



## Monthly Conference Call

As part of our continuing effort to encourage communication and the sharing of resources among local DEC alliances, TADEC has instituted a monthly conference call.

The monthly call will offer the opportunity for local DEC leaders to share challenges, ideas and insights from their own experiences. It will also allow local DEC alliances to stay apprised of any and all DEC-related developments on the state and national levels.

The next call is scheduled for **Thursday, July 2 at 10:00 AM.**

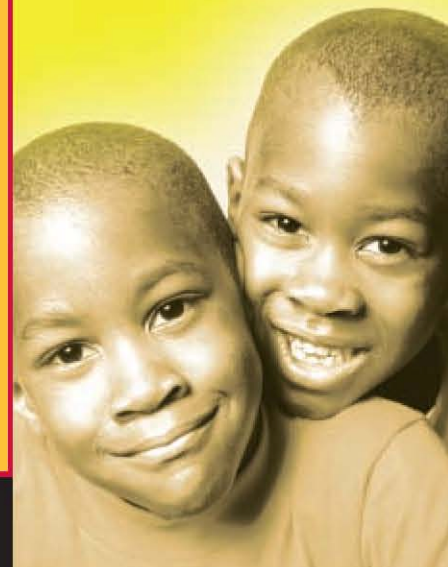
If you plan to be on the call, please RSVP to [jmazzeo@gdcada.org](mailto:jmazzeo@gdcada.org) to receive the toll-free phone number and pass code.

## Next Quarterly Meeting

The next TADEC state-wide quarterly meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 23 at 2:00 PM** at the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse office at **4525 Lemmon Ave., Ste. 300, Dallas, TX 75219.**

The purpose of quarterly meetings is to bring representatives from local DEC efforts together to discuss unique issues teams are facing and share problem solving ideas, discuss ideas to better build DEC efforts, and update members as to the latest research and data available.

*If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Justin Mazzeo at 214-522-4999 ext. 256 or [jmazzeo@gdcada.org](mailto:jmazzeo@gdcada.org).*



## TADEC Hits the Road to Train

It's been a busy few months of travel and training for TADEC! On March 30, a training team traveled to the Medical Center of Southeast Texas to speak to a group of Jefferson County professionals about Drug Endangered Children efforts and the potential of starting an alliance locally.

Next, TADEC traveled to the Henderson County Courtroom to meet with local decision makers to explain the DEC movement and get their "buy-in" for hosting a larger, more inclusive training focused on getting a DEC alliance started in Henderson County. That second training took place on May 26 in Gun Barrel City, and will be followed up by a third meeting to discuss the development of preliminary protocols.

Finally, a team of TADEC trainers traveled to the Corpus Christi area for what was our most rigorous set of trainings yet – three counties in two days. On May 18, a training was held in Corpus Christi to an audience of Nueces County multidisciplinary professionals. After traveling to Edinburg and spending the night, the next training was held the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> for Hidalgo County. The Corpus area training tour finished that afternoon in Harlingen for the Cameron County DEC training.

We at TADEC would like to specially thank all those who worked so hard to set these trainings up and allowed them all to run as smoothly and be as well-attended as they were. We would also like to thank all of our trainers who took time out of their busy schedules to conduct these trainings. It is truly uplifting to see so many individuals so passionate about helping these endangered children across Texas.



## TADEC Local Leaders Forum

The easy-to-use TADEC Local Leaders Forum operates much like other message boards and allows professionals from every part of the state to connect, organize and troubleshoot. The forum is a great way to find other interested multidisciplinary professionals from your own area to start your own DEC effort, to inquire about how others are doing if you are just getting your DEC effort started, or to share ideas, setbacks and success stories with other DEC alliances that are off and running.

To register for the free forum, go to <http://tadec.ipbfree.com> and click on "Register" near the top. Then enter a username, password, and e-mail address, enter the security code, and check the box below the terms of service before submitting. You should receive a confirmation e-mail shortly. If you have any questions, contact Justin Mazzeo at [jmazzeo@gdcada.org](mailto:jmazzeo@gdcada.org) or 214-522-4999 ext. 256.

Note: If you are from a county not listed on the forum, e-mail [jmazzeo@gdcada.org](mailto:jmazzeo@gdcada.org) or make a post on the "Website Requests" section of the forum and your county will be added.

## Trainings Available by Request

As our 2009 DEC Training curriculum has been finalized and our Train the Trainer completed, we would like to remind you that trainings and technical support are available upon request.

Our most commonly-requested training is our General DEC awareness training. This training defines what Drug Endangered Children and Volatile Drug Environments are, describes various drugs and paraphernalia and their various signs and symptoms, describes a basic law enforcement / CPS joint investigation and the difference in their roles, describes medical, prosecution, prevention and treatment considerations regarding Drug Endangered Children, and describes the psychosocial implications for Drug Endangered Children and strategies of dealing with children removed from Volatile Drug Environments.

We will tailor DEC trainings for your specific circumstances regardless of audience, time constraints, or the status of your local DEC alliance. From getting local leadership interested to training front-line workers to going through concrete steps to sustain an alliance, we are available to help you every step of the way as you build your local DEC alliance.