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DRUG-ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROSECUTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT
October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

MISSION: The use, sales, and manufacture of controlled substances around children requires coordination between law enforcement, juvenile courts, and the department of human services to hold the offenders accountable for their actions while improving the well-being of the affected

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Children taken into protective custody	1,123	851	784	940	858	862	762	166	182	196	122
Children born drug positive & taken into protective custody	114	83	52	36	12	12	9	4	1	3	3
Number of DEC cases filed	343	461	604	330	298	161	185	49	48	42	31
Number of dependencies filed with meth allegations	700	514	535	382	288	233	166	30	42	14	27

ANNUAL REPORT

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children taken into protective custody:	1,123	851	784	940	858	862	762	666
Children born drug positive & into protective custody	114	83	52	36	12	12	9	11
Number of DEC cases filed:	343	461	604	330	298	161	185	170
Number of dependencies filed with meth allegation	700	514	535	382	288	233	166	113

The number of dependencies filed which included a methamphetamine-related allegation has continually declined since 2007 and the number of DEC cases filed has remained at nearly the same level over the past three years. While it appears the number of children being exposed to methamphetamine is declining, there seems to be more children being exposed to Heroin and Prescription drug use. Many heroin users have reported that their first use of an opiate has been through the use of pain medication, often from unused prescriptions of family members. One way to keep pain medication from becoming available to people in the community is to dispose of unused pain medication at one of two disposal sites in the community; disposal boxes are available at both the Salem Police Department and the Keizer Police Department. Links to information about the disposal programs can be found at:
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/CS/CFC/Parents/Drugdisposalsites.htm>

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