**FACTS:**

- Street names for methamphetamine: *meth, speed, crank, glass, ice, crystal*

- 5-7 pounds of chemical waste is produced for each pound of methamphetamine *(Oregon DHS Oregon Drug Lab Cleanup Program)*

- In 2001 Oregon had the 5th highest number of meth lab seizures in the country *(Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas)*

- Some of the chemicals that go into making meth: cold tablets, ether, sulfuric acid (drain cleaner), toluene (brake cleaner), hydriodic acid, hydrogen chloride gas, anhydrous ammonia

**METHAMPHETAMINE: FACTS AND FIGURES**

*(Revised and Updated August 2006)*

**Short-Term Effects of Methamphetamine**

Mild hallucinations, Paranoia, Hypersexuality and increased high risk behavior, Sleep deprivation, Extreme rise in body temperature, Convulsions

**Long-Term Effects of Methamphetamine**

Paranoia, Hallucinations, Stroke, Severe weight loss, Malnutrition, Dental problems, Contraction band necrosis (cardiac lesions)

**Percent of Treatment Population using Methamphetamine, CY2000 - CY2004**

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<th>Parents of Foster Care Children in Treatment</th>
<th>General Adult Population in Treatment</th>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>58.1%</td>
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<td>63.3%</td>
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Of those parents who have received some treatment, methamphetamine (as a primary, secondary, or tertiary drug) is much more common than in the general treatment population—69.7% vs. 31.3%.

**Recovery Works!**

“I hope and pray that I will stay clean and ultimately with God I KNOW that I can! I can honestly say this has been the hardest month of my life but I want a normal life. I have three children who deserve so much more than what they were getting! I want to find the person I used to be before crank. I want to be me again…” -Alicia

“It was a long hard road, but I have come so far and I don’t ever want to go back. I love to come home from work and have two little boys running to hug me… That’s what life should be all about, not the nightmare I was living before. It takes a lot of strength to want to walk away and if I can do it I believe anyone can…” -Candie

from crystalrecovery.com

**Methamphetamine Molecule (C₁₀H₁₅N)**

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Methamphetamine Admissions for Calendar Years 2001 through 2005

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<td>Total Meth Admissions</td>
<td>17,788</td>
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<td>Total Admissions</td>
<td>62,695</td>
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<td>% of meth compared to total admissions</td>
<td>28.4%</td>
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<td>% of female meth compared to all meth admissions **</td>
<td>42.5%</td>
<td>43.8%</td>
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* There were fewer people who received treatment in 2003 than previous years due to funding cuts, despite continued increases in treatment demand

** About one third of people admitted treatment report using methamphetamine with a disproportionate number of women entering treatment for meth.

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5.3% of Oregon's female youth entering methamphetamine treatment were pregnant, an increase of 51% since 2001.

9.5% of adult females entering methamphetamine treatment were pregnant, an increase of 44% since 2001.

In 2005 the top three treatment referral sources for meth users were: 44.9% probation, 7.4% outpatient, and 6.78% family/friend.

Oregon Meth Labs
Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association & Oregon State Police

- In 2003 there were 473 meth labs seized and in 2005 185 labs, a 61% reduction.
- On November 15, 2004 the rule requiring pseudoephedrine (PSE) products to be kept behind the counter and requiring ID went into effect.
- On May 14, 2005 the rule requiring PSE products be kept behind the pharmacy counter, picture ID, and logging for each sale went into effect.
- On July 1, 2006 the rule requiring a prescription for all PSE products went into effect.

In the last 5 years, smoking has increased significantly, while inhalation and injection have slowly decreased.

“Smoking is a route of administration that delivers the drug very rapidly to the brain, producing greater reinforcement effects, which therefore may produce higher rates of dependence.”
James Collier, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse