



Helping to



# the Fastest Growing Menace in America

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As a result of a class presentation on methamphetamine delivered to CAVIT (Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology) students last November, several students were motivated to take what they learned and create a lesson to teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. This age group was chosen because children are “sponges”, absorbing all that is shared. Students researched websites to become meth experts. CAVIT students learned that the best strategy for preventing meth use is to educate students at an early age about the harmful effects of meth drug use. CAVIT students used video clips and included meth drug pictures. The video clips and pictures provided a realistic view of the horrible effects of meth use. Students developed a skit, a Powerpoint, children’s activity and pre/post test assessment to determine changes in students’ attitude towards meth use. Results from feedback surveys indicate that children’s attitudes towards drug use changed and awareness of meth use increased after the student presentations.



Students field answers from children about meth dangers.



Students perform a skit about the behavior changes in people due to meth use.

HOSA Members, this is bad stuff!

- More than 12 million Americans have tried meth, and 1.5 million use it regularly.
- Meth is made from battery acid, drain cleaner, lantern fuel, antifreeze and other toxic ingredients.
- Meth causes bone loss, rotten teeth, sleeplessness, aggressiveness, heart damage and failure, seizures, coma and even death.
- Young people addicted on meth say that the drug’s grip on the user makes it a particularly tough habit to break.
- Meth street names include: Ice, Glass, Tweak, G, Tina, Chicken Feed, and Crank.

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