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HOLLY HOPPER SELECTED AS A CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN

Ms. Hopper, Project Coordinator, College of Public Health, for the Kentucky Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, was recognized by Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky as one of four recipients of the 2006 Champion for Children awards during a ceremony at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. The award was presented for Ms. Hopper's work in the area of Drug Endangered Children in front of hundreds of child advocates, concerned citizens and professionals participating in the 10th annual KIDS ARE WORTH IT! Conference.

After attending the First National Drug Endangered Children Conference in 2004, Ms. Hopper focused on methamphetamine use and the correlation of abuse and neglect of Kentucky's children. Recognizing that Kentucky citizens and multi-disciplinary professionals must receive this training, Ms. Hopper developed the Kentucky Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, to provide a statewide alliance for people who want to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky's children. Ms. Hopper's efforts were instrumental in the development of a teaching committee that brought national methamphetamine experts to Kentucky to teach 1500 individuals who positively impact children's lives. Due to her diligence, these individuals can impact, support and better the live of children existing in these toxic environments.

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Over 67,000 children were reported as being abused or neglected last year in the Commonwealth. Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky is a statewide child abuse prevention organization with an office in Lexington and 92 Local Councils throughout the state. For more information call 1-800-CHILDREN