

## **THE DRUG ENDANGERED CHILD TRAINING NETWORK**

The DEC Training Network is an Appalachian Regional Commission funded project that seeks to increase community and professional awareness of the impact of adult drug involvement on children.

### Goals:

- Each community in the East Region will form a county-based or regional Drug Endangered Child Response Team.
- Each community will form an Educational Team that becomes part of an existing UNITE Coalition if one exists, or is formed through the interest of community members.
- Local medical providers will identify children through implementation of the Medical Protocol for Drug Endangered Children.
- Professionals will take advantage of training opportunities and request trainings that meet the specific needs of their community.
- Community medical providers will take advantage of the 24 hour guidance that can be offered if puzzling cases present in the Emergency Room.
- Development of Response Teams will improve multi-disciplinary communication thus improving outcomes and care for children impacted physically or emotionally by adult drug use, sale, or production.
- Oral health screenings are offered and will be funded the DEC Training Network. Referrals can be made to Dr. Jim Cecil or by contacting Dr. Susan Pollack through UK MD's **1-800-888-5533**.
- The DEC Training Network funds can provide drug screens if local funds do not cover these costs. These can be ordered and shipped to you at your request.
- Community trainings are encouraged. These can be requested by contacting Priscilla Baierlein at [priscilla.baierlein@uky.edu](mailto:priscilla.baierlein@uky.edu) .