

The Drug Endangered Children Tracking System (DECSYS) offers local law enforcement and child welfare agencies an automated process for quickly identifying children at risk that is predictable, reliable, and measurable. From the Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (CODEC), DECSYS is:

■ A web based system

Only internet access and an authorized username/password is required.

■ Easy-to-use

Both law enforcement officers and child welfare caseworkers can learn and utilize the system easily.

Less than 5 minutes to enter a case With less than a day of training, which CODEC brings to your agency, individual cases can be entered into the system, helping you to save children. The numbers are telling: in a 2-year six-county pilot, thousands of cases have been entered into the system. By early 2012, 60% of children found were not present at the scene at the time of the arrest, meaning DECSYS is responsible for a 150% increase in the number of drug endangered children identified and brought to the attention of child welfare. With an easily accessible and automated system, collaboration between law enforcement and child welfare agencies will not only build stronger cases, but also potentially save hundreds of children who would have gone unnoticed.

Children whose parents abuse alcohol or drugs are 3X more likely to be verbally, physically, or sexually abused... and 4X more likely to be neglected.

The majority of the time these children are not present at the scene during an arrest, making it even more difficult to make the appropriate referrals and identify them for any future risk.

Contact CODEC now and learn more about DECSYS and how it can help your agency as well as your community.

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