



Program Overview

January 14, 2011

- In April 2003, U.S. Congressman Harold “Hal” Rogers (R-Somerset) worked to create Operation UNITE, a regional anti-drug initiative empowering citizen groups and community leaders in the 29 southern and eastern Kentucky counties comprising his Fifth Congressional District.
- UNITE, which stands for **U**nlawful **N**arcotics **I**nvestigations, **T**reatment & **E**ducation, seeks to fight the drug epidemic by expanding drug awareness and education programs to keep people from using drugs; coordinating drug treatment and outreach programs for those who are already addicted; and operating regional undercover law enforcement task forces for interdiction and prosecution of those dealing drugs.
- The purpose of UNITE is to educate and activate individuals, by developing and empowering community coalitions, to no longer accept or tolerate the drug culture.

Law Enforcement

- 21 Detectives
- Accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police in July 2005 (Reaccredited July 2010)
- 4.4% reduction in prescribed narcotics in the UNITE region 2003-2005 (source: KASPER)
- Piloted Kentucky MethCheck program for Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (2005-2007)
 - Despite early promise of success, has not lived up to expectations and UNITE no longer supports
- Provide toll-free Drug Tip Line in partnership with Appalachian HIDTA
 - 19,092 Tip Line complaints received through December 2010
- Activity through December 2010:
 - 6,954 criminal charges placed
 - 3,588 individuals arrested
 - 96.7% conviction rate
 - 905 search warrants executed
 - 210 methamphetamine labs dismantled
 - 142 drug roundups
 - 157 cases adopted for federal prosecution
 - \$579,274.95 in currency and 12 vehicles seized valued at \$95,000
- Drugs removed/seized through December 2010:
 - 99,907 pills
 - 11.78 pounds of methamphetamine
 - 23.32 pounds of cocaine
 - 464.69 pounds of processed marijuana
 - 4,802 marijuana plants
 - \$9,427,123.29 total street value of drugs
- “Pill Dragon” through December 2010
 - Launched August 6, 2010, in partnership with PRIDE and the Kentucky Army National Guard
 - 255,762 outdated or unused pills have been destroyed
 - 15 community Clean Your Medicine Cabinet Out Day events conducted

Treatment

- UNITE Voucher Program through December 2010
 - Began June 2005
 - Pays for substance abuse treatment for low-income individuals
 - UNITE has provided \$6.1 million in vouchers
 - 2,104 individuals entered a treatment program
 - 1,323 individuals completed a treatment program
 - 131 currently in treatment or awaiting to enter treatment
- Drug Court Program through December 2010
 - UNITE provided \$4.244 million to create 30 new Drug Court programs in 24 counties
 - 2,944 individuals have participated in a UNITE Drug Court program
 - 1,096 individuals graduated from a UNITE Drug Court program
 - 582 individuals are currently active
 - 201 individuals completed their educational plan
 - 182 drug-free babies born to participants
 - \$837,086.08 collected in fines, restitution, court costs and child support
- \$4.01 million in federal and state funding provided through UNITE for treatment facilities in Pike and Clay counties
 - Provides more than 140 residential treatment beds

Coalitions

- 30 community coalitions in 29 counties
- \$3,145,701 in funding has been allocated to community coalitions through January 14, 2011
- Partnered with national Focus on the Family organization in January 2008 for “Declare Hope” initiative
 - 340 participants in town hall meetings, video conferences and workshops
 - 800 participants at two regional summits to launch initiative (October 17-18, 2008)
- Continuing education/training programs
 - 1,700 participants in coalition educational conferences
 - 1,717 participants in coalition trainings and workshops
 - 2,700 participants in faith-based conferences
 - 385 participants in Living Free trainings
 - 872 participants in medical symposium and health care workshops
 - 450 participants in Hot Drugs in Kentucky trainings
 - 105 participants in coal, oil and gas operator dinner
- Drug-Free Workplace employee/employer training for Booth Energy, Equitable Resources and Firestone
- Legislative rallies
 - 200 coalition volunteers participated in anti-drug legislation press conference at Capitol Rotunda (February 28, 2007)
 - 2,000 coalition members rallied in support of anti-meth legislation in Frankfort (February 14, 2005)

Youth & Education Activities

- More than 63,944 youth have participated in UNITE-sponsored youth/education activities through September 2010. This does not include participants in coalition-sponsored youth programs.
- UNITE Clubs
 - 2010-11 school year (through December 2010)
 - 84 schools in 25 counties have a club
 - 5,136 students are registered members of these clubs
 - 2005-2010 school years
 - 188 schools in 36 counties have had a club
 - 24,464 students were registered members of these clubs
- Substance Abuse Counselors
 - 2010-2011 school year
 - 17 counselors serve middle and high schools in 23 counties
 - 2,116 individual and 188 group counseling sessions provided
 - 2009-2010 school year
 - 11 counselors served 14 counties
 - 2,350 individual and 169 group counseling sessions provided
 - 2004-2008 school years
 - 35 counselors served 44 school districts
 - 57,295 individual and 7,300 group counseling sessions provided
 - 14,950 parental contacts made
 - 3,949 referrals to treatment
- Regional Walmart Youth Leadership Program (2010)
 - 880 students from 42 UNITE Clubs in 16 counties participated in two-day trainings
- Regional Youth Summits
 - September 2009 – 7,100 students and 590 adults from 140 schools in 29 counties
 - August 2007 -- 1,500 participants from 89 schools in 24 counties
- UNITE Service Corps (AmeriCorps program)
 - During the 2010-11 school year 24 full-time and 9 part-time UNITE Service Corps members have been hired to provide math tutoring and coordinate drug education programs at 37 schools in 11 counties
 - During the 2009-10 school year 15 UNITE Service Corps members provided math tutoring and coordinated drug education programs at 16 elementary schools in 8 counties
 - 290 volunteers recruited; contributed 564 volunteer hours
 - 760 younger students mentored by older students in UNITE Clubs
 - 984 students tutored in mathematics
 - During the 2008-09 school year 10 UNITE Service Corps members provided math tutoring and coordinated drug education programs at 14 elementary schools in 6 counties
 - 191 volunteers recruited; contributed 688 volunteer hours
 - 1,581 younger students mentored by older students in UNITE Clubs
 - 888 students tutored in mathematics
- Too Good For Drugs curriculum (2007-2010 school years)
 - 8,307 students have been enrolled in science-based prevention classes
- Drug-Testing Policies
 - 4 districts had student drug-testing policies when UNITE began
 - 28 districts had student and/or staff drug-testing policies at the end of the 2008-09 school year.
- Camp UNITE (2007-2010)
 - 4-day, 3-night adventure/leadership program
 - 717 middle school-aged children from 28 counties have participated
- Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps (2006-2010)
 - 33 regional camps conducted
 - 4,307 youth participants
 - 52 Kentucky counties, 11 other states and 1 other country represented
- National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) (2008-2010)
 - 58 programs in 23 counties have been allocated \$83,673 in funding
 - Partnership with Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources

- Hooked On Fishing-Not On Drugs® (2005-2010)
 - Year-round youth mentoring program provided by Future Fisherman Foundation
 - Partnership with Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
 - 29 counties have received funding for HOFNOD events
 - 8,159 youth have participated in a HOFNOD event
 - 316 adults have attended volunteer training
 - 4 regional fishing tournaments raised more than \$24,000 for youth activities
- Jonathan Creek Camp (2009-10)
 - 5-day, 4-night summer camp program by Crossings Ministries
 - 47 middle and high school youth from Clay, Jackson and Johnson counties
- The First Tee of Pine Mountain (2003-2009)
 - Life-skills education program through the game of golf
 - 1,143 youth have participated in a First Tee program (with 64 percent retention rate)
 - Partnership with World Golf Foundation
 - Drug education component adopted in 2009 as the national model
- Soccer Program (2005-2006)
 - Partnership with U.S. Soccer Foundation
 - Implemented pilot community/school program for youth ages 6-12 in 4 counties
 - 144 youth participated in league play in four target counties
- Tackling Drugs Football Skills Camp (2009)
 - Two 2-day camps (Rockcastle and Pike counties) with Craig Yeast and Tim Couch
 - 65 youth participated from 10 Kentucky counties and Tennessee