



Program Overview

June 2, 2010

- 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

- 23 Detectives
- Accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police since July 2005
- 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)
- Provide toll-free Drug Tip Line in partnership with Appalachian HIDTA
 - 18,394 Tip Line complaints received through April 2010
- Activity through April 2010:
 - 6,679 criminal charges placed
 - 3,434 individuals arrested
 - 96.9% conviction rate
 - 862 search warrants executed
 - 180 methamphetamine labs dismantled
 - 138 drug roundups (through May 31, 2010)
 - 148 cases adopted for federal prosecution
 - \$572,296 in currency and 6 vehicles seized valued at \$95,000
- Drugs removed/seized through April 2010:
 - 96,062 pills
 - 11.763 pounds of methamphetamine
 - 23.185 pounds of cocaine
 - 461.54 pounds of processed marijuana
 - 4,635 marijuana plants
 - \$9,110,794 total street value of drugs

Treatment

- UNITE Voucher Program
 - Began June 2005
 - Pays for treatment for low-income individuals
 - UNITE has provided \$5.18 million in vouchers through May 31 2010
 - 1,780 individuals entered a treatment program
 - 1,136 individuals completed a treatment program
 - 102 currently in treatment or awaiting to enter treatment
- Drug Court Program through April 2010
 - UNITE provided \$4.244 million to create 30 new Drug Court programs in 24 counties
 - 2,655 individuals participated in a UNITE Drug Court program
 - 965 individuals graduated from a UNITE Drug Court program
 - 779 individuals are currently active
 - 176 individuals completed their educational plan
 - 133 drug-free babies born to participants
 - \$693,152.70 collected in fines, restitution, court costs and child support
- \$3.76 million in federal and state funding provided through UNITE for treatment facilities in Pike and Clay counties
 - Provides more than 125 residential treatment beds
- 21 coalitions will receive UNITE funding to support after-care programs during the first half of 2010

Coalitions

- 30 community coalitions in 29 counties
- \$2,806,798 in funding has been allocated to community coalitions through April 9, 2010
- 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 58,585 youth have participated in UNITE-sponsored youth/education activities through April 2010. This does not include participants in coalition-sponsored youth programs.
- UNITE Clubs – 2005-2010 school years
 - 188 schools in 36 counties have had a club
 - 24,464 students have been registered members of these clubs
- Substance Abuse Counselors
 - 2009-2010 school year
 - 11 counselors serving 14 counties
 - 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
 - 571 students have participated in trainings
- Regional Youth Summits
 - August 2007 -- 1,500 participants from 89 schools in 24 counties
 - September 2009 – 7,100 students and 590 adults from 140 schools in 29 counties
- UNITE Service Corps (AmeriCorps program)
 - During the 2009-10 school year 15 UNITE Service Corps are providing math tutoring and coordinating drug-education programs at 16 elementary schools in 8 counties
 - 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 contributing 688 volunteer hours
 - 1,581 students mentored
 - 888 students tutored in mathematics
- Too Good For Drugs curriculum (2007-2009 school years)
 - 7,120 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 (2007-2009)
 - 4-day, 3-night adventure/leadership program
 - 502 middle school-aged children from 24 counties have participated
- Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps (2006-2009)
 - 26 regional camps conducted
 - 3,441 youth participants
 - 50 Kentucky counties, 10 other states and 1 other country represented
- Hooked On Fishing-Not On Drugs[®] (2005-2009)
 - 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
 - 7,142 youth have participated in a HOFNOD event
 - 300 adults have attended volunteer training
 - 4 regional fishing tournaments raised more than \$24,000 for youth activities
- 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
- National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) (2008-2009)
 - 44 programs in 19 counties have received \$62,453 in funding
 - Partnership with Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
- Jonathan Creek Camp (2009)
 - 5-day, 4-night summer camp program by Crossings Ministries
 - 26 middle and high school youth from Clay and Jackson 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