



## **Program Overview**

**July 21, 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
  - 18,457 Tip Line complaints received through June 2010
- Activity through June 2010:
  - 6,757 criminal charges placed
  - 3,476 individuals arrested
  - 96.8% conviction rate
  - 873 search warrants executed
  - 188 methamphetamine labs dismantled
  - 149 drug roundups
  - 151 cases adopted for federal prosecution
  - \$572,296 in currency and 6 vehicles seized valued at \$95,000
- Drugs removed/seized through June 2010:
  - 96,916 pills
  - 11.765 pounds of methamphetamine
  - 23.192 pounds of cocaine
  - 464.035 pounds of processed marijuana
  - 4,763 marijuana plants
  - \$9,269,120.89 total street value of drugs

## Treatment

- UNITE Voucher Program through June 2010
  - Began June 2005
  - Pays for treatment for low-income individuals
  - UNITE has provided \$5.18 million in vouchers (through May 31 2010)
  - 1,849 individuals entered a treatment program
  - 1,191 individuals completed a treatment program
  - 97 currently in treatment or awaiting to enter treatment
- Drug Court Program through June 2010
  - UNITE provided \$4.244 million to create 30 new Drug Court programs in 24 counties
  - 2,733 individuals participated in a UNITE Drug Court program
  - 996 individuals graduated from a UNITE Drug Court program
  - 575 individuals are currently active
  - 183 individuals completed their educational plan
  - 145 drug-free babies born to participants
  - \$728,968.39 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 received 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 59,472 youth have participated in UNITE-sponsored youth/education activities through June 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 served 14 counties
    - 2,329 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
  - 571 students from 20 UNITE Clubs in the Big Sandy region participated in trainings
  - Kentucky River and Cumberland trainings scheduled for the Fall of 2010
- 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 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 students mentored
    - 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 students mentored
    - 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 (2007-2009)
  - 4-day, 3-night adventure/leadership program
  - 502 middle school-aged children from 24 counties have participated
- Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps (2006-2010)
  - 33 regional camps conducted
  - 4,307 youth participants
  - 52 Kentucky counties, 11 other states and 1 other country represented
- Hooked On Fishing-Not On Drugs<sup>®</sup> (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
- 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
- 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