



## Program Overview

### September 1, 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.
- **PURPOSE:** To educate and activate individuals, by developing and empowering community coalitions, to no longer accept or tolerate the drug culture.

## Law Enforcement

- 16 detectives – all Peace Officer Professional Standards (POPS) certified
- 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
  - 19,804 Tip Line complaints received through July 2011
- Activity through July 2011:
  - 7,139 criminal charges placed
  - 3,711 individuals arrested
  - 96.8% conviction rate
  - 936 search warrants executed
  - 273 methamphetamine labs dismantled
  - 147 drug roundups
  - 161 cases adopted for federal prosecution
  - \$687,576.95 in currency and 12 vehicles seized valued at \$95,000
- Drugs removed/seized through July 2011:
  - 104,882 pills
  - 11.79 pounds of methamphetamine
  - 23.54 pounds of cocaine
  - 466.74 pounds of processed marijuana
  - 5,844 marijuana plants
  - \$11,618,445.99 total street value of drugs
- “Pill Dragon” through August 2011
  - Launched August 6, 2010, in partnership with PRIDE and the Kentucky Army National Guard
  - 628,278 outdated or unused pills have been destroyed
  - 37 community “Clean Your Medicine Cabinet Out Day” events conducted

## Treatment

- UNITE Voucher Program through July 2011
  - Began June 2005
  - Pays for substance abuse treatment for low-income individuals
  - UNITE has provided \$7.38 million in vouchers
  - 2,431 individuals entered a treatment program
  - 1,493 individuals completed a treatment program
  - 139 currently in treatment or awaiting to enter treatment
- Drug Court Program through July 2011
  - UNITE provided \$4.244 million to create 30 new Drug Court programs in 24 counties
  - 3,111 individuals have participated in a UNITE Drug Court program
  - 1,190 individuals graduated from a UNITE Drug Court program
  - 495 individuals are currently active
  - 231 individuals completed their educational plan
  - 195 drug-free babies born to participants
  - \$1,017,835 collected in fines, restitution, court costs and child support
- \$4.26 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
- \$3,302,418 in funding has been allocated to community coalitions through July 21, 2011
- Continuing education/training programs
  - 2,160 participants in coalition educational conferences and forums
  - 2,394 participants in coalition trainings and workshops
  - 2,700 participants in faith-based conferences
  - 385 participants in Living Free trainings
  - 917 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 programs (February 2008 through July 2011)
  - Free employee/employer trainings provided to Booth Energy Group, Equitable Resources, Firestone, International Coal Group, human resource managers and hotel/motel managers
  - 4,800 miners have received training
- “Accidental Dealer” community awareness campaign (January to June 2011)
  - 73 community trainings conducted in at least 22 counties
  - 4,778 participants in community trainings
- UNITE Medical Advisory Council
  - Organized April 2011 to address educational training for prescribers and dispensers of Rx drugs
  - 11-member Council meets monthly
- 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)
- Legislative rallies
  - 250 coalition volunteers and UNITE Club members rallied in support of legislation to schedule pseudoephedrine at the Capitol Rotunda (February 3, 2010)
  - 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 66,572 youth have participated in UNITE-sponsored youth/education activities through September 2010. This does not include participants in coalition-sponsored youth programs.
- UNITE Clubs
  - 2011-12 school year (through August 2011)
    - 7 schools in 5 counties have a club
    - 663 students are registered members of these clubs
  - 2005-2011 school years
    - 210 school clubs in 36 counties have had been organized
    - 31,226 students were registered members of these clubs
- Regional Walmart Youth Leadership Program (2010)
  - 880 students from 42 UNITE Clubs in 16 counties participated in two-day trainings
- UNITE Service Corps (AmeriCorps program)
  - During the 2011-12 school year 24 UNITE Service Corps members will provide math tutoring and coordinate drug education programs at 33 school campuses in 11 counties
  - During the 2010-11 school year 24 full-time and 9 part-time UNITE Service Corps members provided math tutoring and coordinated drug education programs at 37 schools in 11 counties
    - 548 volunteers recruited; contributed 3,330 volunteer hours
    - 568 younger students mentored by older students in UNITE Clubs
    - 1,283 students tutored in mathematics
  - 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 (2007-2011 school years)
  - 10,100 students have been enrolled in science-based prevention classes taught by UNITE Service Corps
- 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
- Substance Abuse Counselors
  - 2010-2011 school year (through May 2011)
    - 17 counselors served middle and high schools in 23 counties
    - 7,319 individual and 621 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
- Camp UNITE (2007-2011)
  - 5-day, 4-night adventure/leadership program at University of the Cumberlands
  - 916 middle school-aged children from 29 counties have participated
- Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps (2006-2011)
  - 39 regional camps conducted
  - 5,055 youth participants
  - 53 Kentucky counties, 11 other states and 1 other country represented
  - 500+ parents/care givers provided drug awareness program

- National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) (2008-June 2011)
  - 76 programs in 25 counties have been allocated funding
  - \$119,479 in funding for equipment or camps provided
  - 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
- 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.
- 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