

Waushara County
FACTS Supper Be part of the solution...

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Q: What would I do if my _____(neighbor, employee, co-worker, best friend, parents, relatives, child's friend's parents) was using/making Meth?

A: Participants in this group activity generally agreed that in all cases, they would get involved in stopping the production and/or use of METH. The closer the relationship, the more likely the respondent would be to talk to the person, perhaps one-on-one, in the absence of drug use, before alerting the authorities.

Respondents would ask relatives to stop, encourage counseling or take them to counseling. This failing, those responding would involve other family members, Human Services, teachers or the law enforcement authorities. Respondents would use "tough love" with relatives but would be more likely to go directly to authorities if neighbors, employees, co-workers, best friends or parents of children's friends appeared to be involved with Meth. Employees or co-workers might refer to an Employee Assistance program. Best friends might avoid each other. Parents would keep children away from other children whose families are involved with Meth. The police or Sheriff will always get reports of Meth makers, suspicious people or behavior.

In all cases, those responding intend to be observant and pro-active. They will not ignore the problem. Respondents will get involved and they will involve the proper authorities to get help for those who need it.

Q: What can each of us do to keep this problem from growing in our community?

A: After hearing the Meth presentation, attendees at this FACTS event will keep their eyes and ears open to "Meth" behavior (odors, neglected appearance, neglected or abused kids), offer help and support to family, friends or neighbors, and report suspicious activity to the law enforcement authorities. These citizens believe in continuing their education about the Meth problem and spreading the word about the consequences of using Meth and manufacturing it. They will encourage others in the community to attend educational presentations and to know what local resources are available. Participants will stay involved in the Meth solution and they will stay involved in their kids' lives.

Participants in this group activity are willing to pass laws that will help to prevent Meth manufacture and use. They will make changes in their homes to hinder access to Meth ingredients. This community supports the trifold mission of the MINTA Task

Force, "Educate/Eradicate/Expose," and the Waushara County efforts.