

## Drug Endangered Children (DEC): Overview

*Drug Endangered Children (DEC): Overview*, an eLearning course, provides a basic understanding of the risks of parental or caregiver substance abuse and drug activity to children. The content helps law enforcement officers and other public safety practitioners develop strategies to meet the needs of drug endangered children.

In the United States, an estimated 9 million children are at risk because they live in homes where a parent or other adult misuses drugs or alcohol. With an understanding of using a multidisciplinary approach, law enforcement officers and human service professionals strengthen the positive impact they have on meeting the needs of drug endangered children. This course explores how community stakeholders can work together to improve the lives of drug endangered children.

For more information on drug endangered children, please contact National DEC at <https://nationaldec.org>.



### Learning Hours:

45 minutes

### Target Audience:

Law enforcement, first responders, child welfare, medical, legal, and education professionals.

### Completion Standards:

Certificate of Completion awarded based on assigned learning hours and minimum 80% score on post course assessment.

Portal course sessions are active Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 of each year and course content must be completed by December 31 to earn your certificate.

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## Learning Objectives

- *Identify the risks of parental or caregiver substance abuse and drug activity to children*
- *Recognize the importance of early intervention*
- *Identify the long-term impact on and needs of drug endangered children*
- *Recognize the elements required for a multidisciplinary collaborative response to meet the needs of drug endangered children*
- *Choose appropriate next steps to take after completing this module*

### Cooperative Partners:

This tuition-free online training was developed by National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) and funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Visit the **COPS Portal** and get started in under 5 minutes!

Additional courses provided by DEC include: **Prenatal Substance Exposure - Why Should I Care?**, **Postnatal Risks - How You Can Make a Difference**, and **You Can Change the Long-Term Outcomes of Drug Endangered Children**.



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