



OSAM-O-GRAM

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Increases in Methamphetamine Abuse May Be Near for Southwest

Recent OSAM Network findings indicate a new drug abuse problem may be creeping into parts of Southwest Ohio—notably, the Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio areas.

Although the abuse and availability of methamphetamine has been relatively low as reported in the areas covered by the OSAM Network since June of 1999, law enforcement in Cincinnati and Dayton perceive a significant increase in the availability and abuse of methamphetamine.

Dayton law enforcement officers confiscated significantly larger quantities of methamphetamine in 2000 as compared to 1999. Both Cincinnati and Dayton have had an increase in methamphetamine lab busts as reported in area newspapers and on local television reports.

Date of Article*	Description
February 2001	Man arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine from his home and van (Cincinnati).
January 2001	Man arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine in suburban community (Cincinnati).
November 2000	Two arrested for manufacture of methamphetamine (Dayton).
September 2000	Man arrested for manufacture of methamphetamine (Dayton).
August 2000	Methamphetamine lab found; three questioned—no arrests made (Cincinnati).
July 2000	Couple and friend arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine in old farmhouse where they lived with their 3 children (Cincinnati).
April 2000	Methamphetamine lab busted; 5 family members arrested (Cincinnati).
July 1998	Man arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine in his kitchen (Cincinnati).

*Data obtained from news articles reporting methamphetamine lab busts from Dayton Daily News, Cincinnati Enquirer and Cincinnati Post.

At present, law enforcement appears to be keeping the proliferation of methamphetamine abuse under some control in both areas. Active users have not yet reported increases in use.

Although treatment providers are not seeing an increase in methamphetamine abusing clients in their drug and alcohol treatment programs, this population could emerge as a significant problem in Southwest Ohio and spread to other areas of the state in the near future. The OSAM Network will mobilize its Rapid Response initiative to focus on methamphetamine abuse in Ohio in the next six months in an effort to understand further the extent of methamphetamine abuse in Ohio.

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