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David Parnell is a nationally known high impact anti-methamphetamine speaker, author, and consultant. David's personal understanding of the signs and consequences of meth use is part of what makes his presentations so powerful. After twenty-three years of drug use, David survived a self inflicted gunshot to the face during a suicide attempt. His experience has left him with a deep desire to educate others about the dangers of the use/manufacturing of meth and other drugs. Between his personal experience and the knowledge he has obtained working with other professionals, David has become a respected voice in drug prevention efforts and as an advocate for drug endangered children. His message is captivating and his presentations are graphic.

### **EXPERIENCE and QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **March 2004 to date**

- Has delivered hundreds of presentations on the dangers of meth use in 31 states, Canada, England, and numerous American Indian and First Nation tribal communities.
- Appeared in numerous videos, print, and visual media. Examples: "Meth Destroys" Tennessee and West Virginia videos, Meth - A Home Cooked Menace, USA Today, German, Australian, and English magazines and newspapers; London's "This Morning" national news program, and many local news broadcasts and newspapers across the United States.
- Keynote conference speaker. Examples: Minnesota Department of Corrections Annual Conference, Wisconsin DOC Conference, and New York Drug Endangered Children's Conference.
- Addressed Connecticut State Legislature in special session on the debate for restrictions of key ingredients used in methamphetamine manufacturing.
- Testified on the mental state of methamphetamine psychosis during a murder trial
- Volunteer in a national public awareness campaign for The Partnership for a Drug Free America.
- Participated in a Discovery Channel documentary, "Meth Nation", that is currently airing across the country
- Recently released his first book "Facing the Dragon – How a Desperate Act Pulled One Addict Out of Methamphetamine Hell"
- Basic presentation qualifies for .15 CEUs (1.5 contact hours).

### **PRESENTATION DETAILS**

Presentation Title: "Facing the Dragon – The Battle Against Methamphetamine"

Topics Covered: Overview of methamphetamine, adverse effects on users – short and long term, impact on families and society, relation to child abuse and domestic violence, dangers of manufacturing, personal story of addiction, suicide attempts, and recovery

Recommended Audience: Students (grades 6 and up), teachers, administrators, parents, law enforcement, emergency service personnel, social workers, church members, youth groups, and anyone else concerned about drug use

Program Time Length: Standard school length presentations are typically one hour. Conference and community presentations typically run one and one-half hours. All time lengths can be adjusted to fit the specific needs of any venue.

Special Note: While David is a devout Christian he understands the limitations placed on sharing his beliefs within the public schools. Also, due to the graphic nature of the presentation it should be taken into consideration that some material may not be suitable for small children.

### **PRESENTATION FEES**

- \$500.00 per school or conference presentation plus expenses
- No charge for a community presentation IF in combination with a school presentation
- No charge for correctional facilities or rehabs IF already in the area

Thank you for your interest. Please contact us with any questions.