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**Anti-meth event set for Wednesday**

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The public is invited to an event this week as part of a statewide fight against methamphetamine use.

Forsyth Against Drug Abuse is sponsoring the Forsyth County Kickoff on Meth Abuse and Prevention in conjunction with the Georgia Meth Project, launched early last month.

The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the commissioners' meeting room at the Forsyth County Administration Building on East Main Street in downtown Cumming.

The Georgia Meth Project is a nonprofit organization that uses advertising and community programs to reduce the use of meth statewide. The program centers on a research-based public messaging campaign that uses television, radio, print and other forms of advertising to educate the public about the dangers of meth use.

According to a statement from the project, meth use is expected to cost the state \$1.3 billion in law enforcement, treatment, social services and lost productivity.

It goes on to show that, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, meth has become the "fastest growing drug problem in Atlanta, Dalton and Gainesville" in the past five years and Atlanta is consistently cited as a strategic hub for drug trafficking organizations.