

Georgia Meth Project hits Columbia County; recovering addict talks to 26 News



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COLUMBIA COUNTY, Ga. – You may have seen those anti-meth ads produced by the Georgia Meth Project.

Tuesday, the group took its shocking message to Columbia County.

26 News was at the event and also found a former meth user who says using one time is too many.

Columbia County Juvenile Court tells 26 News for the past two years, they've had to start screening kids for methamphetamine because it's seen an increase in use among teens.

The commercials show the damaging effects meth can have on a person.

"We're here in Columbia County to [launch](#) in a smaller way the Georgia Meth Project to individuals in rural counties," said Executive Director of the Georgia Meth Project Jim Langford.

Langford claims the ads have proven to be successful in western states, seeing a 60-70 percent reduction in first time meth use.

He hopes the trend continues in Georgia.

For Chris Glover, his experience with meth wasn't on a TV screen.

He lived it first hand, trying meth at age 17.

"A commercial isn't going to tell you anything until you've lived it. You can see a commercial but believe me it's a whole hell of a lot worse. I guarantee it," said Glover.

Glover says once he started he couldn't stop.

"You'll never get any better. Eventually it gets where you have to have it every day. You go from snorting it, smoking it to shooting it," said Glover.

And Glover had no problem finding the drug.

"It was cheap compared to the buzz and it was easy to get," said Glover.

Besides getting it, Glover says it was easy for him to make.

“Real easy. It's all household chemicals...poison...any one of them will kill you alone.”

Glover says it made him feel like Superman, but before he knew it, meth became Kryptonite.

"You know it's wrong, you lose everything you have--your house, your wife, your dog, your kid. It doesn't matter. You can't stop. It's that powerful," said Glover.

The Georgia Meth Project's message is "not even once."

"One time is too much," said Glover.

26 News is told the Georgia Meth Project has two other cycles of commercials set to come out within the next two years. Each cycle will be more intense than the ones now.