

2025 Iowa Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Conference

- 7:45-8:15 am** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:15-8:30 am** **Opening Remarks**
- 8:30-9:45 am** **Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: Advocacy and Safety in the Age of Fentanyl**
Fred Rottnek, MD
- 9:45-10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:00-11:15 am** **Breakout Session (select one)**
- A. Understanding Stress & Self-Care: Getting Back Some Control**
Jim Harris, Ed.D. LICSW

 - B. Developing a Statewide Drug Endangered Children-Handle with Care Collaborative**
Tabatha Curtis, BS, CPSII and Evangeline Watanabe MSW

 - C. Become a Voice for Change/Living with the Unbearable: Losing a Child to Fentanyl**
Deric Kidd, President & Co-Founder, Become Their Voice/
Laurie Arwine
- 11:15-11:30 am** **Break**
- 11:30-12:30 pm** **Drug Trends and Investigations**
Bryant Strouse, Special Agent in Charge
- 12:30-1:30 pm** **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:30-2:45 pm** **Breakout Session (select one)**
- A. Talking to Youth about Substance Use**
Fred Rottnek, MD

 - B. The DEC Approach: Moving From Awareness to Action**
Nikki Romer, LMSW, Director of Alliance Development
and Kevin Brownell, Assistant Polk County Attorney

C. Community Solutions for Supporting Drug-Endangered Children

Nicholas Pietrack, Founder & Director, Open Arms

2:45-3:00 pm

Break

3:00-4:15pm

Support Children in Complicated World: State, Story, & Strategies

Jim Harris, Ed.D. LICSW

4:15-4:30pm

Evaluations and closing