

# 2026 Iowa Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Conference

7:45-8:15 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
8:15-8:30 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
8:30-9:45 am	<b>Decoding Indicators of Drug &amp; Alcohol Influence</b> Trooper Dylan Rasmussen, Drug Recognition Expert Instructor
9:45-10:00 am	<b>Break</b>
10:00-11:15 am	<b>Breakout Session (select one)</b> <b>A. Marijuana and Motherhood: Protecting Moms and Babies</b> Chantel Lincoln, MPH, CPH (will be repeated in afternoon) <b>B. Understanding the Parent Voice Through Lived Experience</b> Melony Gravenish, Iowa Parent Partner State Operations Coordinator & Sara Persons, Iowa Parent Partner State Director <b>C. Power of Parents/MADD 101</b> Allie Houston, Program Specialist with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) <b>D. Deflection in Rural Areas: Supporting Children and Families</b> Hope Fiori, MPPA, Director of Special Projects & Karen VanderWeele, Senior Program Manager
11:15-11:30 am	<b>Break</b>
11:30-12:30 pm	<b>Substance Use in Iowa</b> Susie Sher, Bureau Chief
12:30-1:30 pm	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
1:30-2:45 pm	<b>Breakout Session (select one)</b> <b>A. Marijuana and Motherhood: Protecting Moms and Babies</b> Chantel Lincoln, MPH, CPH (repeat of morning session) <b>B. Creating a Continuum of Prevention Through the Safe Babies Approach</b> Judy Norris, Sr. Training and Technical Assistance Specialist

**C. From Survival to Support: A Drug-Endangered Child's Journey and the Path Forward**

Laticia Aossey, AMP Program Manager

**D. Seeing Potential in the Pain: Recognizing Brilliance Amid Hardship and Trauma**

LaDrina Wilson, PhD, Entrepreneur and Speaker & Donald Hinton, Entrepreneur & Author

**2:45-3:00 pm**      **Break**

**3:00-4:15pm**      **Rebuilding Hope**  
Matt Anderson, DNE Special Agent in Charge

**4:15-4:30pm**      **Evaluations and closing**