

2026 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	Decoding Indicators of Drug & Alcohol Influence Trooper Dylan Rasmussen, Drug Recognition Expert Instructor
9:45-10:00 am	Break
10:00-11:15 am	Breakout Session (select one) <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Marijuana and Motherhood: Protecting Moms and Babies Chantel Lincoln, MPH, CPH (will be repeated in afternoon)B. Understanding the Parent Voice Through Lived Experience Melony Gravenish, Iowa Parent Partner State Operations Coordinator & Sara Persons, Iowa Parent Partner State DirectorC. Power of Parents/MADD 101 Allie Houston, Program Specialist with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)D. Deflection in Rural Areas: Supporting Children and Families Hope Fiori, MPPA, Director of Special Projects & Koren VanderWeele, Senior Program Manager
11:15-11:30 am	Break
11:30-12:30 pm	Substance Use in Iowa Susie Sher, Bureau Chief
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch (provided)
1:30-2:45 pm	Breakout Session (select one) <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Marijuana and Motherhood: Protecting Moms and Babies Chantel Lincoln, MPH, CPH (repeat of morning session)B. Creating a Continuum of Prevention Through the Safe Babies Approach Judy Norris, Sr. Training and Technical Assistance Specialist

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

Laticia Aosse, 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