

Montana Meth Project launches new effort

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The Montana Meth Project has launched a new statewide petition drive at the Montana's Teacher's Conference at the College of Technology in Missoula on Thursday.

Student volunteers, and one woman who survived meth, encouraged people to sign the petition.

"It's really just a team effort and a collaborative approach that we're trying to take and it's working and with everybody's effort it will continue to work" commented recovering addict Marcy Brakefield.

"Yes, it's very important to have positive peer pressure and to really get the message out to students" agreed student volunteer Josh Seery. "And it has so much more impact when it comes from their peers, rather than adults, because they're hearing it from people they know and trust."

The petitions will be presented to Governor Schweitzer and lawmakers at an event called the "March Against Meth", which takes place in Helena on February 16, 2009.

The new state wide petition will encourage that \$2 million be allocated to the Montana Meth Project in 2010 and 2011. That money will be used to further the recent decline rate of meth use in Montana.

Since 2005, there has been a 45% decrease of meth use among teens and a seventy-two percent decrease of meth use among adults.

- Robin O'Day reporting from KPAX in Missoula

