



# KANSAS ALLIANCE

FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN

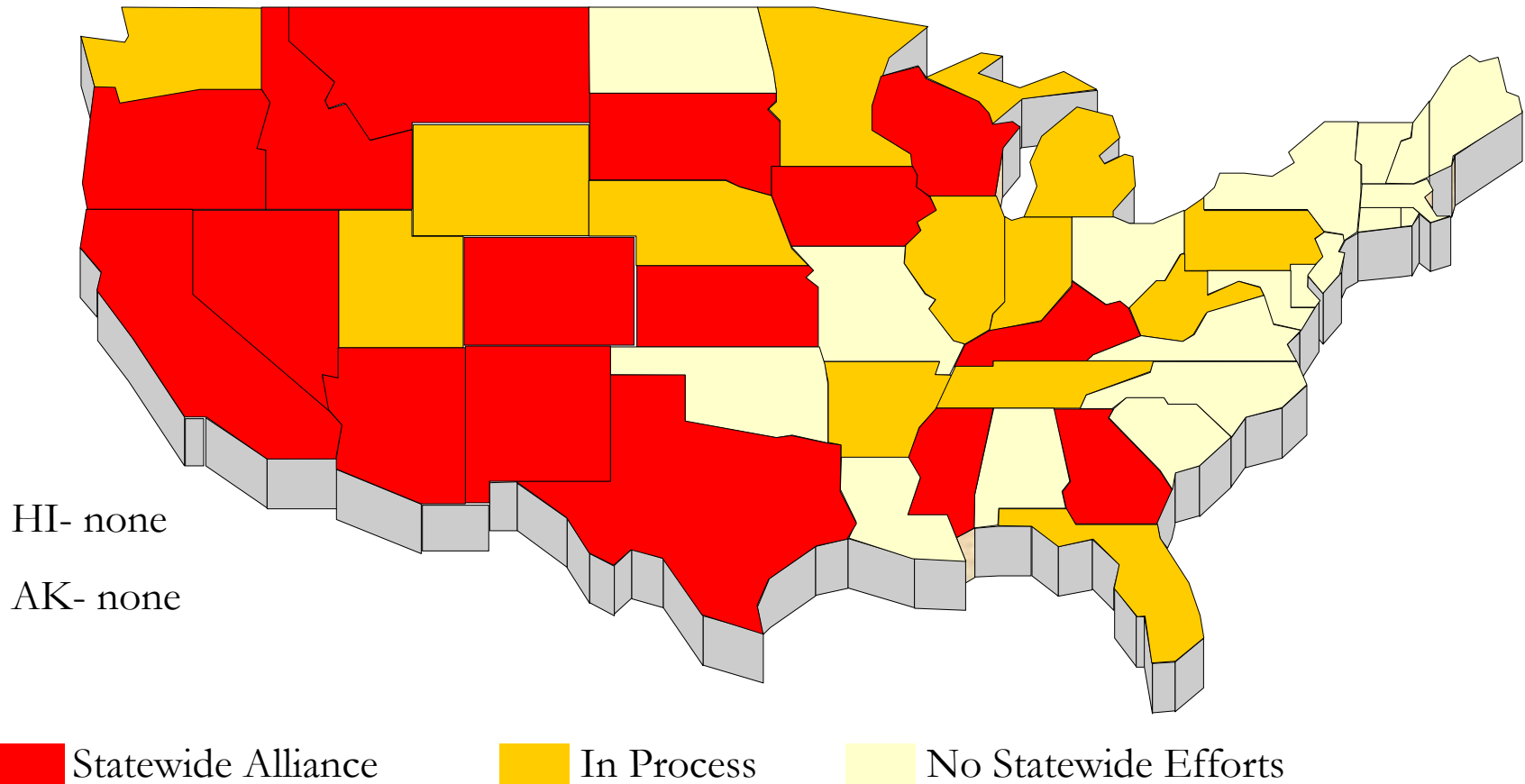
Rescue. Defend. Shelter. Support.



# Recent DEC Headlines in the United States

- “Couple charged with endangering 6 children with meth lab” – Dubuque, IA
- “Meth found in first-graders lunch box”- Louisville, KY
- “9 month old boy rescued from meth lab; serious health problems result”- Monroe County, TN
- “Methamphetamine ingestion puts 19 month old in hospital”- Chico, CA
- “Suspected meth lab found in apartment”- Lawrence, KS
  - 4 year old child involved; child pornography found at scene

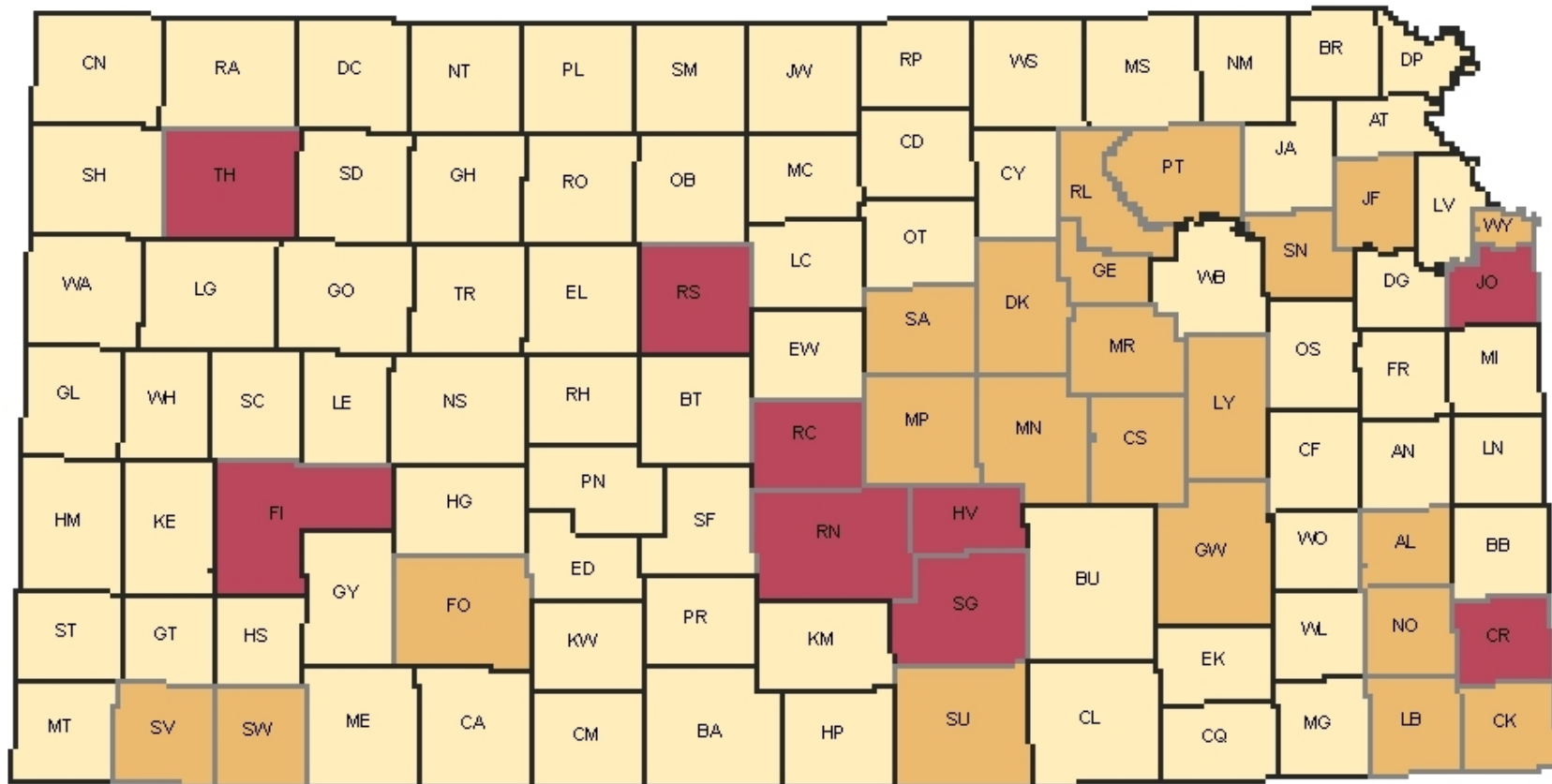
# States with DEC Programs



National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children  
[www.nationaldec.org](http://www.nationaldec.org)



# Drug Endangered Children Programs in Kansas - 2005



Legend:  No DEC Program  In Progress  Official Protocol



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# The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

- Provides technical assistance and resources to county-level DEC programs
- Provides leadership, oversight and advocacy at the state level
- Provides training on various aspects of DEC
- Development of video for providing medical protocol training



# Partner Agencies





# Partners Who Should Be Involved in DEC Development

- First responders- fire and EMS
- Law enforcement- city, county, state, and federal
- Medical personnel- Doctors, ER staff, nurses, Health Dept.
- Child Protective Services
- Prosecutors
- Agencies that serve children



# Lessons Learned in Kansas

- Collaboration is key-diverse sectors involved
- Adaptability at the community level and organization level is essential
- Program implementation can occur fairly quickly if model programs are used
- Media is very interested in this issue
- Need for expansion beyond children found in meth labs (especially with Schedule V law)



# One Community's Story

- Shawnee County, KS: pop. 169,871
- Began as result of a tragedy in 2003
- One dimension focuses on substance-exposed newborns
- Second dimension focuses on traditional DEC approach



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