

Attorney General Encourages Local Meth Program Funding

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CARBONDALE, IL – Today (Tuesday) Attorney General Lisa Madigan urged for more funding for Meth programs in southern Illinois.

Madigan was joined by several local politicians and law enforcement officials at a press conference at John A. Logan College where she introduced an initiative to get the Illinois Meth Project to include southern Illinois.

The Illinois Meth Project, launched in February, is a prevention program modeled after the Meth Project of Montana.

Madigan says the Meth Project utilizes a series of disturbing ads broadcast on TV, Radio and on billboards.

The ad campaign targets youth because studies have shown that in Illinois, 72 percent of those in treatment for methamphetamine use, began using the drug at seventeen or younger.

The Meth Project started in 2005, and in Montana it is credited with reducing adult meth use by 70 percent, teen meth use by 45 percent, and meth-related crimes by 53 percent.

Illinois ranks fourth among states in the country for meth-related arrests.