

NET Radio Explores Teen Misuse of Common Drugs

LINCOLN, Neb. (June 28, 2010) -- NET News will explore the growth in the misuse of over-the-counter and prescription drugs by teenagers in a feature that will air on NET Radio Tuesday, July 6, at 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. CT during "Morning Edition." While it's difficult to obtain concrete numbers, some drug prevention experts in the state have seen a steady increase in the problem. NET News reporter Bill Kelly, who produced the story, explains that, "Experts in teenaged substance abuse told us that kids are raiding the medicine cabinet the way they used to raid the liquor cabinet."

Kelly talks with convicted murderer Jessica Reid, now at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York, who claims that the abuse of over-the-counter cough medicine led to disturbing changes in her behavior. Another woman, Elizabeth, currently in Omaha, speaks frankly about how she came to become addicted to the cough suppressant dextromethorphan, nicknamed "dex." Finally, Connie Holmes of Central Nebraska Council on Alcohol and Addictions in Grand Island talks about the upward trend in the use of a number of drugs that are readily available in every Nebraskan's home.

An audio link to the NET Radio story will be on NET Radio's Web site (www.netNebraska.org/radio and click on Nebraska News) the day of the broadcast. All that is needed to listen to the report is access to the Internet.

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