

MONTANA METHAMPHETAMINE SUMMIT

Recommendation Survey Results Highlights

The following report examines recommendations developed by participants in the Montana Methamphetamine Summit, which was held June 2nd and 3rd, 2004 in Billings, Montana.

Surveys were given to 177 Summit participants and select state task force members; 71 responses were received by the deadline—a 40 percent response rate. The survey asked respondents to rate first the level of importance and then the level of feasibility for 78 recommendations. The recommendations were developed by participants at the Summit and refined by National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) staff. Recommendations were organized into six topic areas: Child Protective Services; Treatment and Clean-up; Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; Media and Business; Prevention; and, Youth, Courts, and Education.

Methodology: Survey respondents rated recommendations on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being low (not at all important or not at all feasible) and 5 being high (very important or very feasible). Final scores were calculated by averaging all responses, for importance and for feasibility, for each recommendation. Recommendations were then sorted by score and assigned a rank, for importance and for feasibility, from 1 (most important or feasible) to 78 (least important or feasible). Each recommendation also received an overall score and rank based on the average of its importance and feasibility scores.

	Importance	Feasibility
High Score	4.42	4.07
Low Score	3.18	2.31
Mean	3.95	3.32

- 38 of the 78 recommendations scored 4.0 or higher in importance (49 percent).
- Two of the 78 recommendations scored 4.0 or higher in feasibility.
- None of the 78 recommendations scored lower than 3.0 in importance.
- 16 of the 78 recommendations scored lower than 3.0 in feasibility.
- Average importance within each topic:
- Average feasibility within each topic:

4.07	Child Protective Services
4.06	Media and Business
3.99	Treatment and Clean-up
3.96	Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
3.95	<i>Average Importance Overall</i>
3.78	Prevention
3.77	Youth, Courts, and Education

3.54	Media and Business
3.42	Child Protective Services
3.41	Treatment and Clean-up
3.32	<i>Average Feasibility Overall</i>
3.23	Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
3.19	Prevention
3.08	Youth, Courts, and Education

Overall

- Generally speaking, recommendations that scored low in importance scored low in feasibility.
- Recommendations that scored low in feasibility did not necessarily score low in importance. None of the recommendations was considered more feasible than important.
- Overall, recommendations in the “Media and Business” and “Child Protective Services” topics were seen as more important and more feasible (see figure below).
- Overall, recommendations in the “Prevention” and “Youth, Courts, and Education” topics were seen as less important and less feasible (see figure below).

Overall		Topic Group
Rank	Ave.	
1	3.80	Media and Business
2	3.74	Child Protective Services
3	3.70	Treatment and Clean-up
	<i>3.63</i>	<i>Average of All Recommendations</i>
4	3.60	Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
5	3.49	Prevention
6	3.42	Youth, Courts, and Education