# Chicago Methamphetamine Task Force

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#### CHIICAGO METHAMPHETAMINE TASKFORCE (CMTF)

The mission of the Chicago Methamphetamine Task Force is to address the destructive use of methamphetamine among Black gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in the City of Chicago by:

- (1) identifying and amplifying quality of life needs for individuals who are vulnerable to methamphetamine use, abuse and addiction;
- (2) stimulating dialogue among service providers, public health officials, elected officials, researchers and other key stakeholders to identify, design, implement and evaluate effective support and treatment programs grounded in the principles of harm reduction;
- (3) advocating for the designation of existing and/or the creation of new funding streams for addressing this escalating crisis;
- (4) and encouraging public health officials and service providers to develop protocols for methamphetamine use screening and data collection.

## What is Methamphetamine?

Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Crystal methamphetamine is a form of the drug that looks like glass fragments or shiny, bluishwhite rocks. It is chemically similar to amphetamine, a drug used to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy, a sleep disorder. nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/methamphetamine

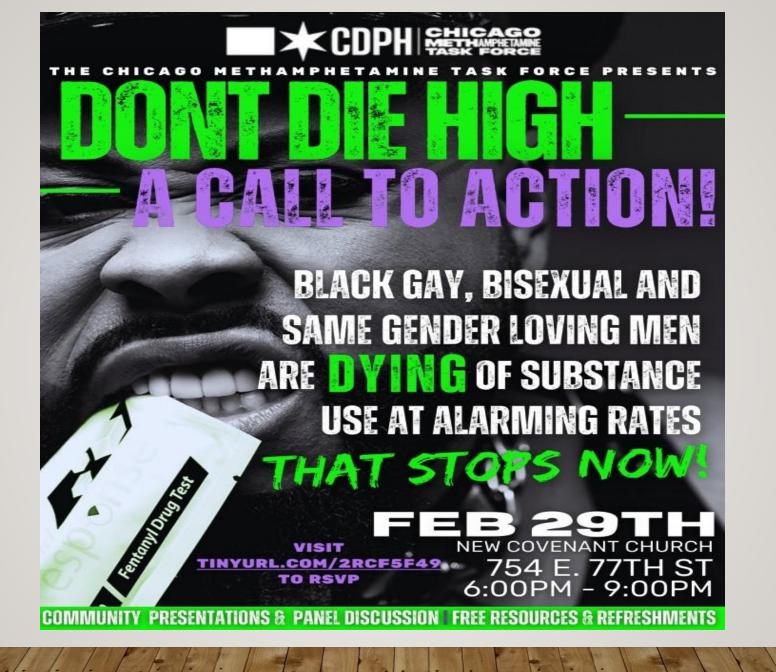
CMTF conducts Biweekly meeting in partnership with the Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus, Chicago area agencies that have Gay/Bi/SGL client base and Community members.

Currently producing the outreach promotional campaign, "Don't Die High", a health initiative to provide awareness around:

- Resources
- Overdose prevention training
- Risk reduction information and strategies to individuals partaking in substance usage
- Conducting Survey was in collaboration with Taskforce Prevention and Community Services about the usage of any substance during specific activities.
  - This survey offers a \$25 incentive for participation and survey completion.

#### **CMTF** Activities:

- Delivery and support of supplies of Narcan, Fentanyl Testing kits, and awareness information were given to the following entities:
  - Jackhammer 6408 N. Clark Street (Kink and fetish, Rogers Park)
  - Cellblock 3702 N. Halsted Steet (Kink and Fetish, Lake View)
  - Midwest Fetish and Leather Collective Contest (Kink and Fetish)
  - Club Escape 1530 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street (Black and Latinx, South Shore)
  - The Village Project Collective 4314 S. Cottage Grove Avenue (Black and Latinx, Grand Boulevard)
  - Mr. International Rubber Contest (Kink and Fetish)
  - Rags to Riches: Aftermath Ball (Black and Latinx, Ballroom)
  - Rickey's Mobile Bartending (Black, various communities)
- Negotiating delivery of Narcan to:
  - Simeon Career Academy (Youth, Black and Latinx, Ashburn Community)
  - Leo's Den (Black, Greater Grand Crossing)
  - Woodlawn AME Church (Black, Woodlawn)
  - New Eclipse Community Alliance (Black and Latinx, New City)



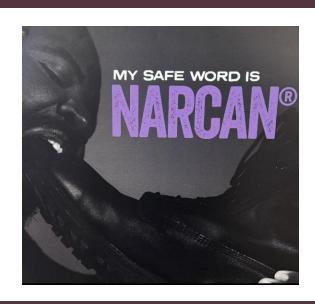


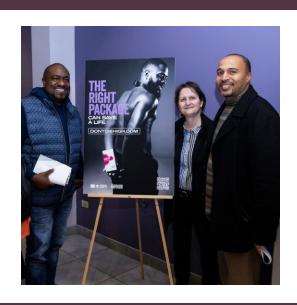


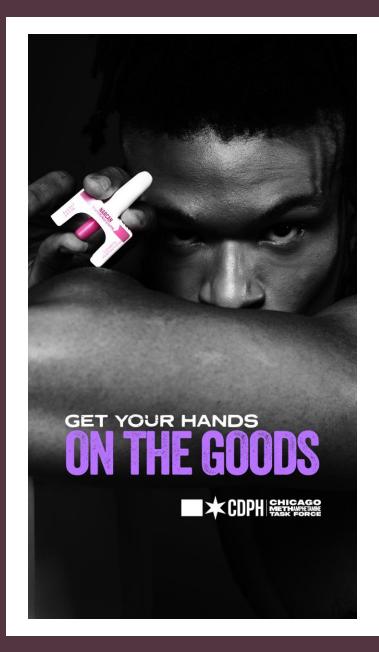


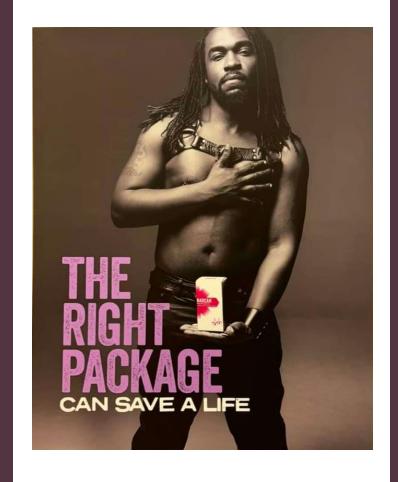














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