

Methamphetamine:

Concerns for Law Enforcement

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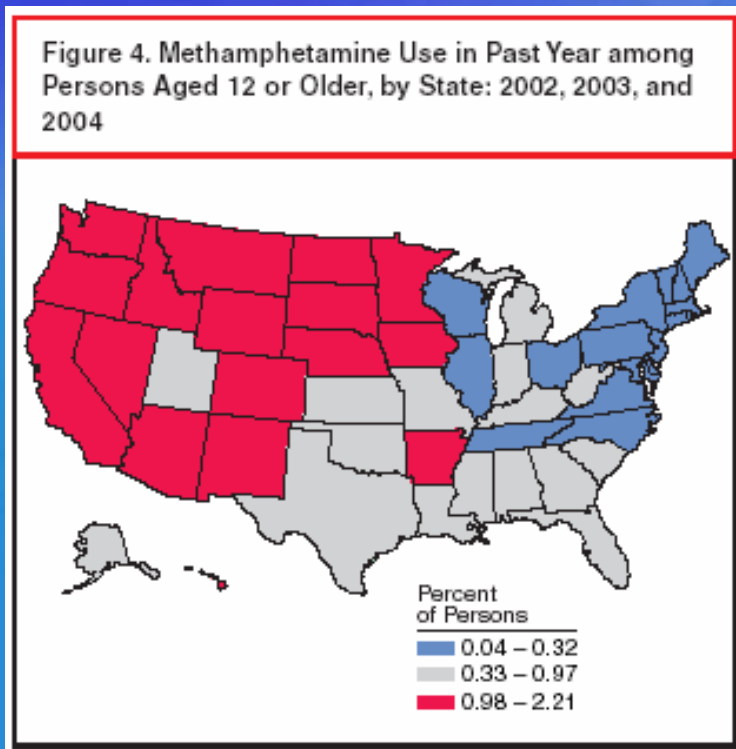
Meth: Where is it coming from?

- In the 1970s, Mexican Cartels began large-scale production of Meth in super labs and expanded its distribution throughout motorcycle gangs in the US
- In the 70s and 80s, Meth became an established drug in the US West Coast

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Meth: Where is it coming from?

- In the 90s, meth began to spread throughout the US from the west to the east with the establishment of thousands of smaller clandestine labs.



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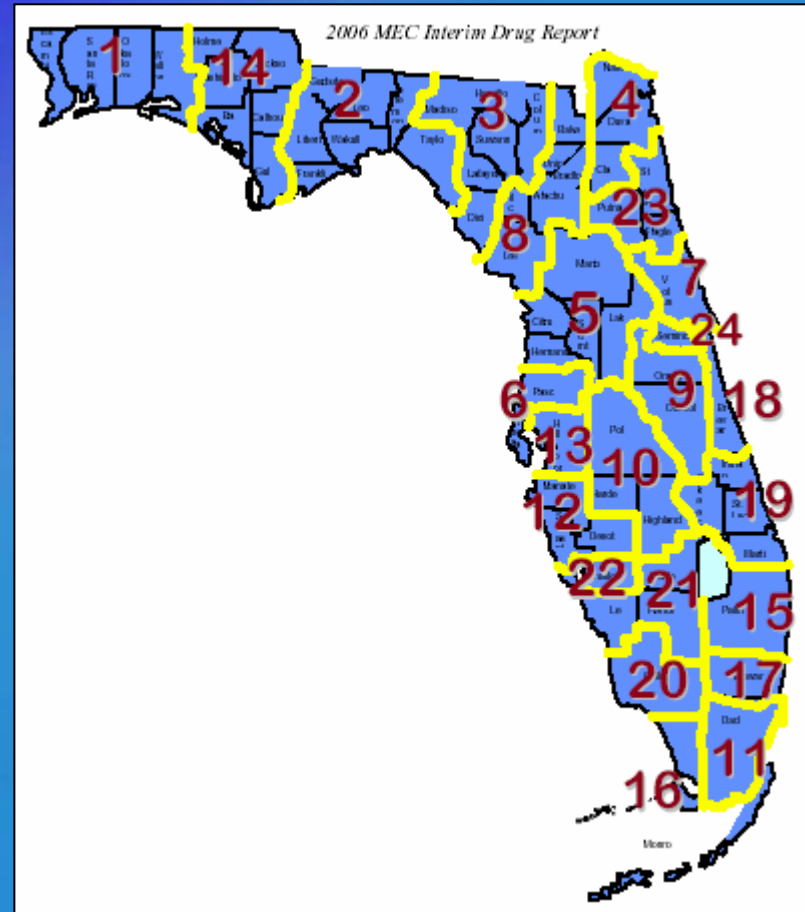
Meth: Florida Statistics

- In 2000, small clandestine labs began to appear in Florida.
- From 02 -04, clan labs triple in Florida
 - 2003 = **77** Deaths
 - 2004 = **93** Deaths
 - 2005 = **115** Deaths
 - 29 Caused By Methamphetamine
 - 86 Methamphetamine Present at time of Death
 - 2006 = **117** Deaths
 - 21 Caused By Methamphetamine
 - 96 Methamphetamine Present at time of Death

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Florida Meth Deaths 2005

Lakeland	22
Orlando	15
Pensacola	15
Miami	11
Ft. Lauderdale	8
Panama City	8
St. Petersburg	7
Melbourne	5
Rest of Florida	<u>24</u>
TOTAL	115



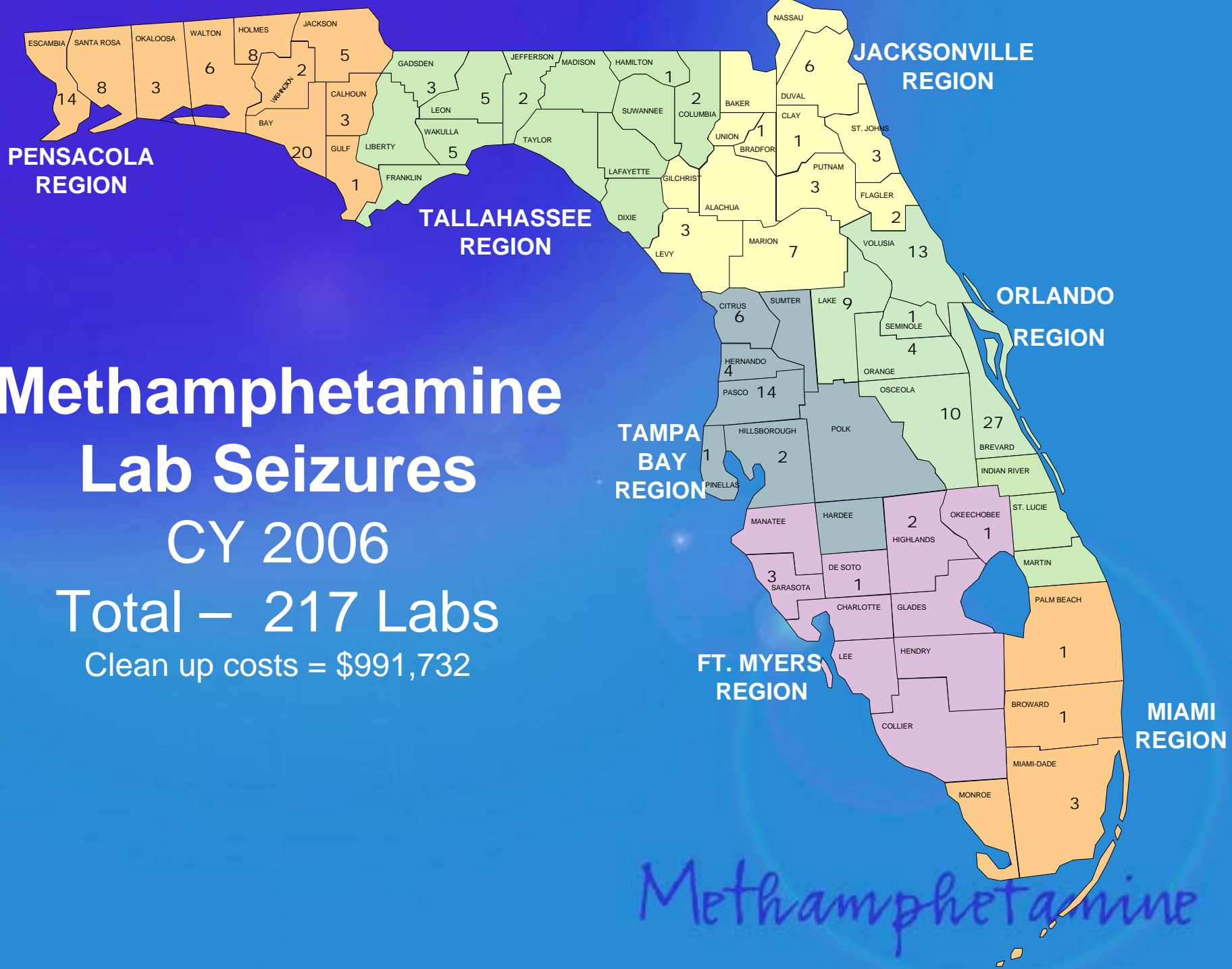
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Methamphetamine Lab Seizures

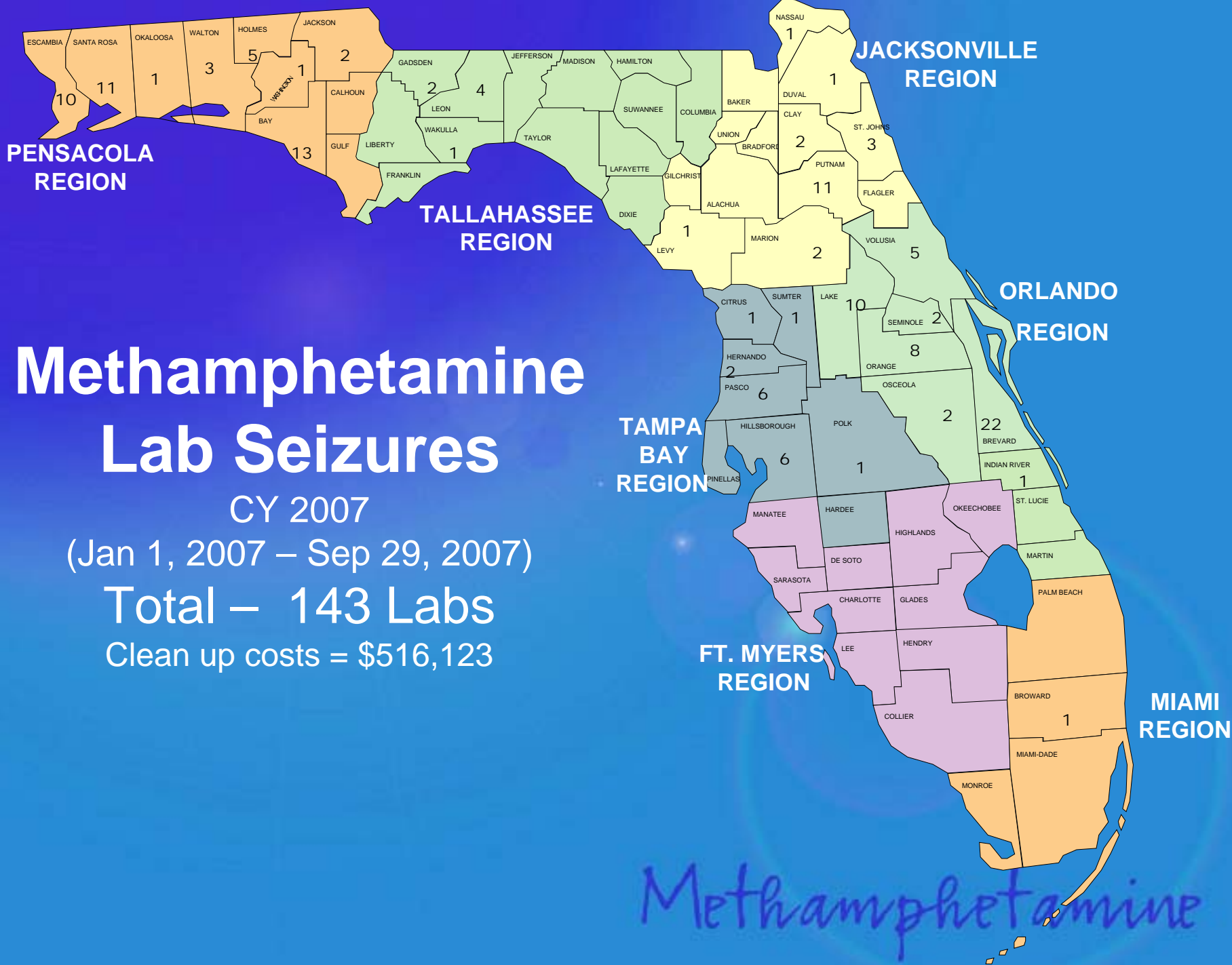
CY 2006

Total – 217 Labs

Clean up costs = \$991,732



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Meth Legislation

- In 2005, Florida passed laws limiting the quantity of ephedrine products a person can purchase per transaction, and also enforced putting these products behind the counter.
- In 2006, Congress passed a bill entitled the “Combat Meth Act” which limits the amount of single-ingredient pseudo ephedrine products a person may purchase in 24 hours to 3.6 grams, or 9 grams in 30 days.

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2005 Florida Meth Legislation FS 893.13 (HB 1347)

- Requires retailers to put single active ingredient pseudoephedrine items behind the counter and limits quantity of sale
- Makes it a felony offense to manufacture meth with a child under the age of 16 present
- Restricts transport of anhydrous ammonia
- Strengthens penalties against cooks if first responders are injured

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2006 Florida Meth Legislation FS 893.13 (HB 1325)

- Requires immediate removal of children at Meth sites
- Allows courts to hold meth producers without bail while awaiting trial
- Extends criminal penalties for first responder injuries
- Prevents cancellation of life or health insurance of first responders exposed to chemicals at Meth sites

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2006 Federal Meth Legislation Combat Meth Act (HR 3199)

- Move cold medicines with pseudoephedrine behind the counter
- Limit how much of such medicines one person can buy in a month to 9 grams (300, 30 mg pills)
- Limit how much one person can buy in a day to 3.6 grams (120, 30 mg pills)
- Exception of “single-use” sales, which are small amounts (2, 30 mg pills) of individually-packaged pseudoephedrine products

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2006 Federal Meth Legislation

- Creates a new category of controlled chemical, called “controlled precursor chemicals,” to ensure that pseudoephedrine is handled safely and lawfully
 - Requires signature and identification for purchases
 - Creates a national meth treatment center
 - Authorize \$585 million for enforcement, training, and research into treatment:
 - Drug Court – Authorizes \$70 million for FY 2006

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2006 Federal Meth Legislation

- H.R. 3199 Combat Meth Act attached to the Patriot Act
 - Meth Hot Spots Grants - Authorizes \$99 million for each 2006-2010
 - Grants for Endangered Children - Authorizes \$20 million for each of FY 2006-2007
- Competitive Grants for programs involving pregnant and parenting women offenders: New program, such sums as needed

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2006 Federal Meth Legislation

- H.R. 3199 Combat Meth Act attached to the Patriot Act
 - Further amends the reporting requirements for importers of meth precursor chemicals
 - Clarifies existing law imposing the obligation of restitution for environmental cleanup costs on persons involved in meth production and trafficking

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2007 Florida Meth Legislation (HB 1)

- Creates a task force for the remediation of illicit drug labs
- Created for the purpose of recommending strategies and actions for reducing or eliminating health risks from buildings in the state where methamphetamine or other contraband has been manufactured in violation of law

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Future Trends...

- This legislation seems to be effective as the number of clandestine lab seizures dropped significantly in 2006.
- However, DEA reports that meth trafficking has shifted from clan lab production to being transported into Florida in multi-pound increments by Mexican drug trafficking organizations.

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