



## ALLEGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE -NEWS RELEASE-

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Recently a contingent of officials from St. Joseph County met with staff members of the Allegan County Meth Diversion Program to learn how the program works. According to Bradley Balk, Sheriff of St. Joseph County, "Recently I saw a presentation by Sheriff Koops on the Allegan County Methamphetamine Diversion Program and I was impressed by the program components and the positive impact that it has had for the citizens of Allegan County. St. Joseph County is experiencing the same epidemic of Meth, and this looks like a program that would benefit us and the citizens of St. Joseph County."

The Allegan County Meth Diversion program has been acclaimed for its innovative approach to addressing Methamphetamine use. According to Allegan County District Court Judge William Baillargeon, "We hope our experience can benefit other jurisdictions with the same type of problem. This has been one of the most innovative and successful meth treatment programs that have ever been developed. The citizens of Allegan County have benefitted tremendously from the dedicated staff that has put their heart and soul into the Allegan County Meth Diversion program."



Judge Baillargeon explains Meth Diversion Program to St. Joseph County officials.