BIOGRAPHY FOR LIEUTENANT ERIC NATION, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT,
NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN (DEC)

Lt. Eric Nation began his career in law enforcement in 1995 where he held numerous positions. From 1996-2002, Nation was assigned to an undercover narcotics unit and from 2007-2012, he was assigned as the Commander of the M.I.N.E. Taskforce-Eastside.

Nation helped start and develop the Jasper County Drug Endangered Children Alliance and is a member of the National DEC Criminal Justice Working Group. Nation is a Certified Core DEC Instructor that has been involved in the training of thousands of professionals across the United States as a Trainer for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

Nation's efforts towards Drug Endangered Children in Jasper County earned him the 2009 "Ongoing Victims Service Award", the 2011 "National Drug Endangered Children Collaborative Leadership Award"; participated in the "Defending Childhood Initiative and Working Group Meeting on Law Enforcement and Children's Exposure to Violence" – United States Attorney General Eric Holder – Washington, D.C.; and, participated in the development of IACP's **Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence** project tools and deliverables as a Children Exposed to Violence Advisory Working Group Member in Alexandria, VA.

BIOGRAPHY FOR STACEE READ, BA, MSW/DIRECTOR OF DEC NETWORK DEVELOPMENT,
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Stacee has spent over 16 years working in the child welfare field, gaining insight and experience on a variety of key child welfare issues. Before working for National DEC, Stacee held the Associate Ombudsman position with the Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman. There she was involved in program development and review, complaint resolution, and investigations of, and recommendations for child welfare practice and policy. Prior to that Stacee was the Child Protection Safety Specialist for the Colorado Department of Human Services where she oversaw child safety in child welfare across the state of Colorado. She was also responsible for overseeing and reviewing institutional abuse and neglect investigations and facilitating the Institutional Abuse Review Team. Stacee reviewed fatalities and assisted with the facilitation of the Fatality Review Team. She provided technical assistance and training to county child welfare departments and became a valuable point person for substance abuse issues in child welfare. Her depth of experience in child welfare issues made her a key member on a number of committees and workgroups such as the Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee, the Rural Law Enforcement Meth Initiative, the CDHS Child Fatality Review Team, and the CDHS Prone Restraint Workgroup. Stacee also worked for many years as a Child Abuse and Neglect Investigator specializing in complex investigations, including fatalities, serious bodily injuries, substance abuse, and mental health.

Stacee started working for National DEC as a consultant in November 2011 and then was hired as the Director of DEC Network Development in May, 2013. She is responsible for the development and oversight of State and Tribal DEC Alliances, and she provides technical assistance to the National DEC network. Stacee is also an integral member of the training team and has participated in curriculum, online training, and publication development. Additionally, she has trained thousands of professionals on topics involving child welfare issues, collaboration and multi-disciplinary teams, evidence/information collection, local alliance development, and other specific drug issues.

Stacee received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois focusing on Mental Health and Administration in 2002, and her Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Iowa with an emphasis on abnormal psychology and dependency behaviors in 1997. Stacee is an adjunct professor at Metro State University in Denver, Colorado where she teaches in the Master's Social Work Program.