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“Meth Addict Survivor Chimes In: Not Even Once”

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The amount of people who break free from the clutches of Meth addiction: 6%.

It is a wary statistic that no one wants to face but one that can be overcome. A family forum on the topic was held Wednesday night at Highland High School in Pocatello.

The aim was get a dialogue started between parents and their children.

A local survivor says she staunchly believe in the Idaho Meth Project's Motto. The saying "Not Even Once" is something she hopes parents incorporate into their everyday conversations, reminders when they say good-night or head out to the prom.

She says unfortunately the motto's message is all too often very true.

Tesja Erickson, sober for over three years: "I'm very blessed that I have come out of this and have risen out of the ashes of that destruction to have this be my strength now, to educate people and tell them this is not the road to take."

The Idaho campaign was launched a year ago. It involves a series of commercials that do not sugar-coat the effects Meth addiction has on families and communities.