**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What changes occur in the lives of meth users and their families?
2. Why are treatment programs for meth addiction less successful than programs for other drug addictions?
3. What role have pharmaceutical companies played in the spread of meth use and how has that role changed over time?
4. In what ways have politicians influenced the meth epidemic?
5. What changes occur in an addict's brain as a result of meth use? What long-term effects will this have on the individual?
6. What social and economic factors might lead people to abuse meth?
7. To what extent is "OnTrack" a successful treatment program for women?
8. What factors turned meth from an "Oregon" problem to a national epidemic?
9. A major issue about cold products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine concerns balancing access for legitimate consumers with those who are using it for illicit means. Do you think this is a valid concern? Why or why not?