Prior to an enforcement action, identify potential child victim aka drug endangered child. Collaborate with Child Protective Services and/or Multidisciplinary Response Team.

On scene, if child present:
- Document child name, DOB, address, special considerations; name of parent/caretaker/guardian and telephone number.
- Coordinate with victim advocate and medical and/or public health professional. Determine responsibility for urine evidence collection.
- Photograph child.
- Document physical condition of child.
- Measure height and reach of the child to location of the drug(s), weapon(s), hazard(s), and/or pornography.
- If clandestine lab investigation, ensure on-site or off-site decontamination.
- Interview child as witness; if available, utilize child forensic interviewer.
- Document and photograph inside and outside of residence, living conditions, cleanliness of home, functioning utilities, available food, etc.

Collect physical evidence.
Determine and report care and custody of child for prior 72 hours.
Run criminal history of culpable & non-culpable individual(s).
If child is not present, but there is evidence of their presence, document as previously detailed and coordinate with Child Protective Services to implement a plan to locate and ensure safety of child.
Coordinate with mental health professionals.
Notify prosecutor. Provide copies of photographs and reports.
Report as directed by employing agency.
Refer to your local Victim Witness Coordinator, Child Protective Service professional and/or Multidisciplinary Response Team (MRT).

RESOURCES:
Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453 www.childhelp.org
National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children: www.nadec.org
National Child Advocacy Center: www.nationalcac.org