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STARK COUNTY DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SET FOR SAT., SEPT. 26
Residents have 16 drive up and drop off locations available across county

Stark County, OH (Sept. 21, 2015) – The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, Stark County Anti-Drug Coalition, Stark County Opiate Task Force and Stark County Police Chiefs’ Association are again collaborating with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Association on the national prescription Drug Take Back Day Sat., Sept. 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Stark County residents can drop off unneeded, unused and unwanted prescription medications at 16 countywide locations during event hours. The goal is to help residents safely dispose of these prescriptions, keeping dangerous drugs out of the illicit supply pipeline.

This free, confidential program accepts medications in all forms including pills, liquids, creams, as well as items such as syringes and tubing. Law enforcement officers will be on hand to secure and hold all medications. After the event, the drugs will be weighed and incinerated at high temperature without harm to the environment.

Drive up and drop off locations are:

Alliance Police Department
470 East Market St.
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Aultman Hospital
(Bedford St. Valet Circle)
Canton Police Department
2600 6th St. SW
Canton, Ohio 44710

Beach City Police Department
302 N. Church St.
Beach City, Ohio 44608

Brewster Police Department
Fairless High School
11885 Navarre Rd SW
Brewster, Ohio 44613

Canal Fulton Police Department
Eugene Fellmeth Safety Center
1165 S. Locust St. NW
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

Hartville Police Department

202 West Maple St.
Hartville, Ohio 44632

Jackson Township Police Department
Jackson Township Safety Center
7383 Fulton Dr. NW
Massillon, Ohio 44646

Louisville Police Department
1150 West Main St.
Louisville, Ohio 44641

Magnolia Police Department
Mohawk Valley Joint District Fire Station
8285 Waynesburg Dr. SE
Waynesburg, Ohio 44688

Mercy Medical Center
Stark County Sheriff's Department
1320 Mercy Drive
Canton, Ohio 44708

Minerva Police Department
209 N. Market St.
Minerva, Ohio 44657

North Canton Police Department
City Hall
(Downstairs Lobby Entrance)
145 N. Main St.
North Canton, Ohio 44720

Perry Township Police Department
Perry Town Center/Levins Mattress
5119 West Tuscarawas St.
Canton, Ohio 44708

Plain Township Hall
Stark County Sheriff's Department
2600 Easton St. NE
Canton, Ohio 44721

Uniontown Police Department
Lake Senior Center
1635 Edison St.
Uniontown, Ohio 44632

Waynesburg Police Department
Village Hall
141 E. Lisbon St.
Waynesburg, Ohio 44688

For more information please visit StarkMHRsb.org/drugtakebackday or for event questions, please contact Health and Wellness Manager Fran Gerbig at fgerbig@starkmhrs.org or 330-430-3949.

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Did you know 8 of 10 teens who misuse prescription drugs get them from friends or relatives? Opiates are prescribed for everything from sports injuries, to dental work, to managing pain. While they are prescribed by most physicians for all the right reasons, at times they get into the hands of others who mean to use them for the wrong reasons. Look in the back of your medicine cabinet. You might find the bottle of Vicodin® you did not use up disappeared without you even knowing it is gone. Maybe you have a refill on that Percocet® script you didn't fill, but your teenager did. These real-life scenarios may sound far-fetched to some, but for parents in fear their child is using, or the teacher who sees signs that something is just simply wrong with a student, playing it safe and disposing of prescriptions properly keeps drugs out of the illicit supply pipeline.

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About Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County is a multi-faceted organization of expert professionals, dedicated volunteers and concerned community leaders close to mental health and addiction needs right here at home. MHRsb is responsible for planning, funding and monitoring public mental health and addiction prevention, early intervention and treatment services delivered to the residents of Stark County. It is one of 51 Boards coordinating the public behavioral health system across Ohio. The Board also advocates for residents with behavioral health issues at both the local and state levels and provides educational opportunities for local providers and other community stakeholders. For more online about the work of the Board, visit www.starkmhrs.org.

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