

Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Campaign

Prescription Drug Take Back Boxes are Closer than You Think:

Holbrook Police Dept.
Randolph Town Hall
Stoughton Police Dept.

Avon Coalition for Every Student

Through a collaborative effort of community-spirited individuals, agencies, businesses and organizations, Avon Coalition for Every Student (ACES) seeks partnerships to foster efforts to reduce youth substance abuse and promote positive, healthy decisions by young people in Avon.

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Why it's Important:

Massachusetts is facing an epidemic of opiod abuse. In Norfolk county alone, opiod-induced overdose deaths have doubled in the past two years, totaling nearly 150 in 2015.

Although prescription drugs are effective when prescribed and taken appropriately, they can be misused and lead to significant negative consequences, including overdose and addiction. Transition from prescription pills to heroin is common.

Happening in Your Community:

AMHS youth take the show on the road! The production of the play "Hooked" garnered overwhelmingly positive reviews. Students will be visiting area schools, showcasing their talents in an effort to raise awareness. Reserve your seats before the play is sold out.

Students created an "It's Not Worth It" P.S.A. in partnership with the Norfolk County District Attorney showing off their artistic creativity, generating community service and helping their school win TEAM RIVAL. Check your local cable access listings.



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The Most Commonly Abused Prescription Pills Include:

Opioids — commonly known as prescription painkillers.

Sedatives — such as anti-anxiety and sleep disorder medications.

Stimulants — such as medication to treat Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

Resources are Available:

Learn2Cope Meetings in Brockton

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline:
1-800-327-5050

Safer Alternatives to Opioids include the Following:

Ice, Rest, and over-the-counter pain relievers like aspirin, acetaminophen, or ibuprofen

Take Action Now:

Create a Safe Environment

Know what's in your medicine cabinet

Properly dispose of unused or expired medications

Secure all prescription medications in a safe place

Educate family and friends (especially teens and older adults)

Notice Common Signs of Abuse

Physical and psychological changes

Changes in behavior

Pills missing from the medicine cabinet

Talk to Your Loved Ones

Be open and non-judgmental

Communicate regularly

Talk about dangers of substance abuse

Get Involved:

ACES meetings are open to the public; all are welcome to join us every second Wednesday of the month at 3:15 at the Avon Public Library.