



Boone County Alliance Coalition News

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Upcoming Events

Young Boone Meeting	4/4 6:30-7:30 PM BCPL Scheben
Monthly BCA Mtg	4/17 9-10:30 AM Florence Gov't Ctr
Lunch and Learn: Having a Conversation with Kids About Pot	4/20 12-1:30 PM Fort Thomas Antiques & Design Center

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Reducing underage drinking is critical to securing a healthy future for America's youth in a society that promotes alcohol and drug use at all levels.

Alcohol Awareness Month was established in 1987 by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) to help reduce the stigma that is often associated with alcoholism and to increase public awareness and understanding of the disease.

The 2017 theme "Connecting the Dots: Opportunities for Recovery" highlights the many opportunities that individuals, families and communities have to help prevent teen alcohol use. Reducing underage drinking is critical to securing a healthy future for

America's youth in a society that promotes alcohol and drug use at all levels.

According to information on NCADD's website (www.ncadd.org) alcohol and drugs are the leading causes of crime among youth; alcohol and drugs are the leading factors in teenage suicide; excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year; drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, yet people ages 12-20 drink 11 percent of all alcohol consumed in the United States; parental attitudes can influence a child's decision about whether or not to use alcohol or drugs; and kids who have conversations with their par-

ents and learn about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50 percent less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

Here are some guidelines that can help you talk about alcohol and drug use:

- Listen before you talk.
- Ask open-ended questions.
- Be involved.
- Be honest and open.
- Be positive.

National Prescription Take-Back Set for April

"Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse."— U.S. Attorney's Office

According to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, this year's event marks the seventh year Guam has joined the rest of the nation in the effort to combat prescription drug abuse by providing the public a means to dispose of prescription drug medications sitting idle in medicine cabinets around the country.

Tackling drug abuse, theft

The U.S. Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency, aims to limit and prevent increased

pill abuse and theft, to encourage the public to rid their household of unused prescription drugs that pose a safety hazard and can contribute to prescription drug abuse, and to provide a venue for those who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs for safe disposal by the DEA.

Improperly disposed prescription drugs can be retrieved from the garbage and abused or illegally resold, while flushing of such drugs can contaminate the water supply. Disposal via the DEA ensures proper handling of the drugs and helps save lives and protects the environment.

Those with unused, unwanted or expired prescription medica-

tions can now plan ahead for the next National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10am-2pm.

There are currently 2 Prescription Drug Disposal Locations in Boone County:

Florence Police Department
8100 Ewing Blvd. Florence, KY
859-647-5420

Boone County Sheriff's Office
3000 Conrad Lane Burlington, KY
859-334-2234

Please visit the KY Office of Drug Control Policy for more information:
<http://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/Prescription-Drug-Disposal-Locations.aspx>

