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MCSAP Asks Residents to Participate in the April 29 Drug Take-Back Events

Milwaukee—The Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition ([MCSAP](http://mcsapcoalition.org)) urges Milwaukeeans to get rid of unwanted drugs during the April 29 Drug Take-Back events sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The events provide a safe, secure way to dispose of medications and keep them out of the wrong hands.

How dangerous are these unused medications? Very. Easy access to medication can lead to accidental poisonings or contribute to someone’s addiction. A shocking four out of five heroin users’ addictions started with prescription painkillers.

“Medication abuse and misuse has spiraled out of control,” said Kasaundra Brown, MCSAP coordinator. “We all need to remove unnecessary drugs from our homes.”

Brown is asking residents to take part in the Wisconsin Department of Justice’s Drug Take-Back Day on April 29. To find an April 29 take-back site, go to doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/find-a-take-back-location.

If residents aren’t able to participate on April 29, Brown urges residents to utilize the secure Drug Disposal Drop Boxes in local police stations. With its community partners, MCSAP worked to place these boxes in most City of Milwaukee and suburban police stations. Residents can drop off their unwanted medications, no questions asked, at these sites, before and after April 29. To locate a Drug Disposal Drop Box, go to mcsapcoalition.org/resources/medicine_drop_boxes.php.

In addition, MCSAP and partners have hosted Drug Take-Back events throughout the community and plan to host more to meet the demand for safe drug disposal. Its most recent event, on March 29 at Summit Place in West Allis, netted more than 160 pounds of unwanted medication in just four hours.

“The event in West Allis shows that there’s a great need in the community for more options to safely get rid of medications and keep them out of the hands of children, teens, young adults, and vulnerable adults,” Brown said.

To learn more about the need for safe drug disposal, contact MCSAP Coordinator Kasaundra Brown at 414-270-2976 or KBrown@communityadvocates.net.

The Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (mcsapcoalition.org), is a countywide initiative aimed at reducing youth marijuana use and preventing fatal drug overdoses, with an emphasis on prescription drugs. [Community Advocates Public Policy Institute](http://communityadvocatespublicpolicyinstitute.org) helps to staff the coalition and provides resources for its work.

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