

Red Rock RPC

MARCH 2015

Community Calendar

- March 6-Custer County Health Action Team, noon, Clinton
- March 11-Caddo County Interagency Coalition, noon, Anadarko
- March 16- Kiowa County Coalition, 1:00 p.m., Hobart
- March 19-Beckham County Coalition, noon, Elk City

Did You Know?

-Oklahoma's Social Host Law means that if you let underage drinking occur at your house or on your property, you will get fined , up to \$500 for the first offense.

-Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is 100% Preventable!

Safe Disposal of Unused or Expired Prescription Medicines

Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) would like you to know the importance of disposing prescription drugs properly. According to the Take as Prescribed website, prescription drug abuse is Oklahoma's fastest growing drug problem and in 2012, Oklahoma had the fifth highest unintentional poisoning death rate in the nation (18.6 deaths per 100,000 population).

Many people have prescriptions that are expired or unused and because of the increase in prescription drug abuse it is important to safely dispose of those medicines. Medicine take-back programs are a good way to remove expired, unused or unwanted medicines from the home. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBND) has many drop off boxes for people to securely and safely dispose of any unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs. To find a drop off box near you, please visit <http://www.ok.gov/obndd/>.

For more information on the growing prescription drug abuse problem in Oklahoma, please visit www.takeasprescribed.org. The RPC's mission is to encourage individual responsibility, positive behavior, and personal growth; strengthen families and communities; promote a drug-free society through education, training, prevention, research, advocacy, and environmental strategies. Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information on services please contact Red Rock RPC Director, Lauren Greenfield, at (580)323-9736 or visit the RPC website at www.redrockrpc.com.

Free resources!

If you would like to order free clearinghouse materials regarding Alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs please visit www.odmhsas.org/resourcecenter.

Dispose of Unused prescription drugs at your local drop box today!
To find a drop box near you visit www.ok.gov/obnidd

The Liability and Dangers of Over Serving Alcohol

Over serving patrons while on-premises is illegal and is a serious problem. Oklahoma realizes it is critical to address the over service of alcohol and will hold businesses accountable for over-serving patrons. Oklahoma's dram shop laws hold bars/restaurants accountable for over-serving alcohol. A conviction for charges of further serving an intoxicated person is a felony and could result in a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and up to one year in jail.

A recent study conducted by researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that dram shop liability laws help prevent alcohol-related crashes. Studies also show that where Dram Shop laws exist, publicity about the dangers and consequences of over-serving increase and more establishments abide.

In effort to educate retailers on the liability and dangers of over serving, Red Rock RPC offers a FREE Responsible Beverage Service and Sales (RBSS) training to alcohol retailers. The training educates store owners and clerks about laws regarding alcohol sales to minors as well as how to properly check an i.d.

For more information regarding the liability and laws of over-serving and the **Responsible Beverage Service & Sales Training (RBSS)** contact the Red Rock RPC!

Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator's (RPC) primary focus is to serve as a prevention community liaison. Red Rock RPC educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. We take a proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities. Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information about the Regional Prevention Coordinator please visit www.redrockrpc.com or contact the Red Rock RPC at (580)323-9736.

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