



SPF-PFS Newsletter

National Prevention Week is May 15-21



National Prevention Week is a new annual health observance supported by SAMHSA that celebrates the work that community organizations and individuals do year-round to prevent substance abuse and promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

National Prevention Week is held each year during the third week of May, near the start of summer. Summer is a season filled with celebrations and recreational activities where substance use and abuse can happen, such as graduation parties, proms, weddings, sporting events, and outdoor activities. National Prevention Week is timed to allow schools to take part in a prevention-themed event before the school year ends, raising awareness in students of all ages. According to [SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health \(2004\)](#), percentages of substance misuse initiates among youth increase between spring (April and May) and summer (June and July), and the timing of National Prevention Week helps to educate young people and their families at this crucial time of year.



What's Happening

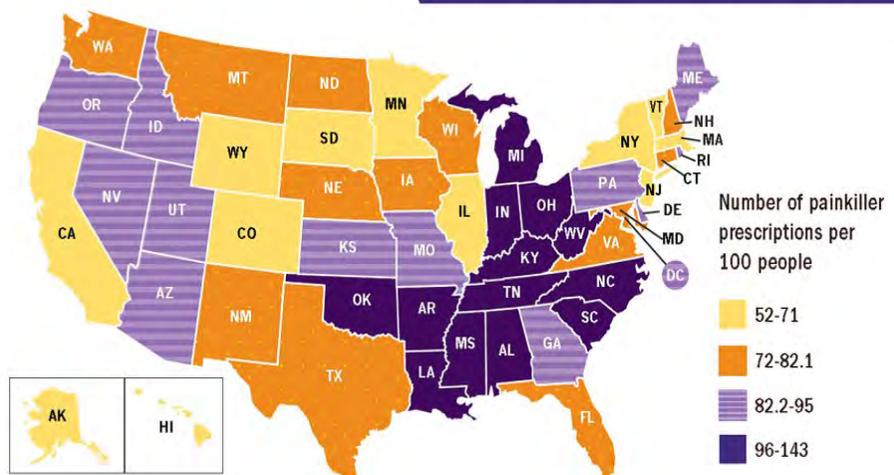
- **May 8-Mother's Day**
- **May 18-Grady County Interagency Coalition Meeting @ Noon at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in Chickasha**
- **May 24-OPPA @ 11 at Gateway to Prevention in Shawnee, OK**
- **May 30-Memorial Day, Red Rock BHS closed**

National Prevention Week will take place **May 15-21, 2016**, and this year's theme is "Strong As One. Stronger Together." For more information on National Prevention Week visit : <http://www.samhsa.gov/preventionweek/>

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Some states have more painkiller prescriptions per person than others.



SOURCE: IMS, National Prescription Audit (NPA™), 2012.

Where to Take Your Unused Prescriptions



Do you have unused or expired prescriptions in your medicine cabinet and wondering how to dispose of them? If you answered yes to this question, then OBN has the answer for YOU!

The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) partners with local law enforcement agencies across the state of Oklahoma to set up permanent locked prescription drop-off boxes. The purpose of these boxes are for citizens to dispose of their unused or unwanted prescriptions and keep them from getting into the wrong hands and appropriate disposal reduces the amount of prescription drug residue out of water sources. OBN also partners with an Oklahoma based company to destroy unused pharmaceuticals and turns it into green energy.

Currently there are two drop-off boxes in Grady County: Grady County Sheriff's Office, and Chickasha Police Department. The process is simple: Take your unwanted or expired prescriptions to the police station and drop it in the box. There are no forms and no questions. **It is FREE and Anonymous!** The drop box does not allow syringes, chemicals, or inhalers.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about the prescription drop-off boxes or other locations, please contact OBN at <http://www.ok.gov/obndd/> or the Red Rock SPF-PFS office at 405-422-8872 or visit <http://takeasprescribed.org/disposal-locations/> to find the nearest location.

Grady County Prescription Drop Box Locations

Chickasha Police Department

2001 W. Iowa Ave.

Chickasha, Oklahoma
73018

405-222-6050

Grady County Sheriff's Office

302 N. 3rd St.

Chickasha, Oklahoma

405-222-5085



Helpful Websites:

- www.RedRockRPC.com
- www.Drugfree.org
- www.Ok.gov/odmhas
- www.ok.gov/obndd
- <http://takeasprescribed.org/>

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