

Red Rock RPC November 2017

Prescription Drug Opioid Crisis

Over one-third of the American adult population were past-year users of prescription opioids at least once in 2015, according to a new government report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Of that fraction— about 91.8 million or 37.9% of all American adults – 11.5 million (4.7%) misused prescription pain relievers, the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health report revealed. Misuse can lead to health problems, addiction, and fatal overdoses.

“The level of overdoses is a crisis and it requires all of our efforts to turn the tide”, said Kimberly A. Johnson, director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. “That means changing prescribing practices to reduce the number of people developing a problem, ongoing outreach, risk reduction activities like widespread distribution of Naloxone and treatment.

“Until the last year when the CDC released prescribing guidelines, there was continued growth in the number of opioid prescriptions, she added. However, “the number of prescriptions do appear to be decreasing over the past year.”

For more information on the non-medical use of prescription drugs, please visit www.drugaddictionnow.com or contact the RPC Director Lauren Greenfield, at (405)-422-8873 or visit our website at www.redrockrpc.com.

Coalition Community Dates

November 9-Yu-Can Coalition,
11:45 a.m., Yukon

November 14– Canadian County
for Children and Families, Noon,
El Reno

November 22– Grady County
Coalition, Noon, Chickasha



*Happy
Turkey Day!*

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Canadian County Prescription Drop Box Locations

Canadian County Sheriff's Department

304 N. Evans
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036

Mustang Police Department

650 E. State Highway 152
Mustang, Oklahoma 73064

Yukon Police Department

100 S. Ranchwood
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099

Piedmont Police Department

400 Edmond Road NW
Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078



Did You Know?

- ◆ Dispose of Unused prescription drugs at your local drop box today! To find a drop box near you visit www.ok.gov/obnidd.
- ◆ Visit www.TakeAsPrescribed.org for more information on safe use, safe disposal, and safe storage of prescription drugs.