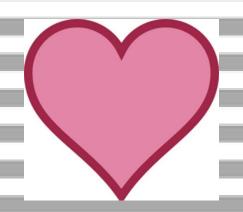
Safe Disposal of Unused or Expired Prescription Medicines Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) would like you to know the importance of disposing prescription drugs properly. According to the Take as Prescribed website, prescription drug abuse is Oklahoma's fastest growing drug problem and 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 takeback programs are a good way to remove expired, unused or unwanted medicines from the home. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD) 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/. Local drop boxes are listed on the back of this newsletter. 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 at (580)323-9783 or visit the RPC website at www.redrockrpc.com.

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LOCAL DROP BOX SITES

(Listed by county)

Feb. 9: CHAT at Corn Heritage Village in Weatherford @ 12 Feb. 14: CCIC at Wichita and **Affiliated Tribes Suicide Prevention Office in Anadarko** @ 12

Feb. 15: ALITE at City Hall in

Elk City @ 12

Feb. 19: Kiowa County **Coalition at the Health Department in Hobart @ 1** Feb 20: RBSS training at City Hall in Anadarko @ 10 Feb. 28: RBSS training at **Western Technology Center-**Fire & Safety Building @ 10

Beckham-Beckham County Sheriff Office-Sayre **Elk City Police Department Blaine-Blaine County Sheriff Office-**Watonga **Geary Police Department** Caddo-Caddo County Sheriff Office-Anadarko **Anadarko Police Department Carnegie Police Department Hinton Police Department Custer-Custer County Sheriff** Office-Arapaho **Weatherford Police Department Dewey-Dewey County Sheriff Department-Taloga Seiling Police Department Greer-Greer County Sheriff Office-**Mangum **Kiowa-Kiowa County Sheriff Office-**Hobart Roger Mills-Roger Mills County

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