

Red Rock RPC May 2018

This year, National Prevention Week is May 13-19. National Prevention Week is a SAMHSA-supported annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, mental and/or substance use disorders. The theme for 2018 is “Action Today. Healthier Tomorrow.”

National Prevention Week is held each year during the third week of May—near the start of summer. According to SAMHSA’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health, adolescents and full-time college students most often use substances for the first time during June or July. , The timing of National Prevention Week provides an opportunity for schools and organizations to host prevention-themed events before the school year ends, raising awareness about this important issue among students and their families.

The Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) located at Red Rock Behavioral Health Services in Clinton, OK is one of seventeen RPC’s in the state. Our primary focus is to serve as a community resource. Red Rock RPC educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. Red Rock RPC provides services to Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Custer, Dewey, Greer, Kiowa, Roger Mills, and Washita counties.

Red Rock RPC takes a proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities, specifically underage drinking and the non-medical use of prescription drugs. They identify factors in a community that cause the risk of substance abuse and work to promote protective factors that serve to minimize the risk of substance use/abuse.

If you would like more information on National Prevention Week please visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week>. For more information about the Regional Prevention Coordinator please visit www.redrockrpc.com or contact the Red Rock RPC at 580-323-9783.

Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

What's Happening?

May 4th: CHAT @ Veteran's Center in Clinton; 12:00pm

May 9th: CCIC @ RISE Office in Anadarko; 12:00pm

May 17th: ALITE @ City Hall in Elk City; 12:00pm

May 21st: Kiowa Co. Coalition @ Health Department in Hobart; 1:00pm

Social Host Law

With graduation approaching, Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) would like to remind community members about "Cody's Law," also known as the Statewide Social Host Law. Social Host provides stronger penalties for individuals who knowingly allow underage drinking in their homes or on their property. With the statewide social host law, all youth across the state of Oklahoma are better protected against the dangers of underage drinking.

The social host law provides a misdemeanor and fine of up to \$500 for the first violation and a fine of up to \$1,000 for a second. Further violations can result in up to five years in prison and a fine of \$2,500. If a violation of Cody's Law results in bodily injury or death, a social host will face a fine of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and up to five years of incarceration,

House Bill 1211 is named after Cody Greenhaw, a Tulsa teenager who died from a drug and alcohol overdose. Both chambers of the Legislature passed House Bill 1211 unanimously. The legislation took effect Nov. 1, 2011.

For more information on the Social Host Law or the RPC please contact Red Rock RPC at (580)323-9783 or visit the RPC website at www.redrockrpc.com.



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