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Local Survey Results Released

The Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) would like to update local communities in Beckham County that schools in Oklahoma recently received results from a statewide survey called the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment (OPNA). The survey was offered to every school in the state in the spring of 2018 and was given to 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders to assess risk and protective factors among youth shown to be correlated with substance abuse. The OPNA results are a vital source of information for communities and prevention providers as they allow for concerned parties to tailor their prevention efforts to the highest need(s) in the community and effectively allocate resources.

The Red Rock RPC receives individual county results and included was Beckham County. “The results are still showing high numbers of youth in this county engaging in substance use so it’s important we continue to work to prevent these problems,” states Lynsi Mayfield, Red Rock RPC Director. Specifically in Beckham County, 49% of youth reported using alcohol in their lifetime, up from 30% in 2016. Also in the county, 9% of youth reported misusing prescription pain pills in their lifetime, up from 4% in 2016.

The Red Rock RPC works with local community coalitions to help prevent substance abuse in Western Oklahoma and if you are interested in starting a local coalition in your area, please contact the RPC at 580-323-9736.

Red Rock 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.

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