



PREVENTING



PRESCRIPTION DRUG

ABUSE

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THE PROBLEM

- Since 2000, there have been 8,896 deaths as a result of unintentional overdoses and drug poisonings.
- In 2012, there were 941 deaths due to unintentional drug poisonings in Michigan.



CAUSES

- Easy access
- Misconception that prescription drugs are safer than illicit drugs
- Sharing prescription drugs



WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- In Michigan
- In our community

DO YOUR PART



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

THE SOLUTION IS YOU!

Prevention



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Monitor** your prescription drugs.
- **Secure** them in a safe place.
- **Dispose** of unused drugs properly.
- **Don't share** your prescription drugs with others.
- **Don't use** prescription drugs that were not prescribed for you.



SECURITY AND MONITORING

- **Store** in a locked cabinet or lock box.
- **Monitor** quantity.
- **Control** access.
- **Keep track** of refills.



DISPOSAL

- Take expired/unused prescription drugs to a designated drop-off location:
 - Pharmacies – non-narcotic
 - Law enforcement facility – narcotic
- Participate in collection days.
- Dispose in trash-**DON'T FLUSH.**



DISPOSAL INFORMATION

- Yellow Jug Old Drugs
- Do Your Part



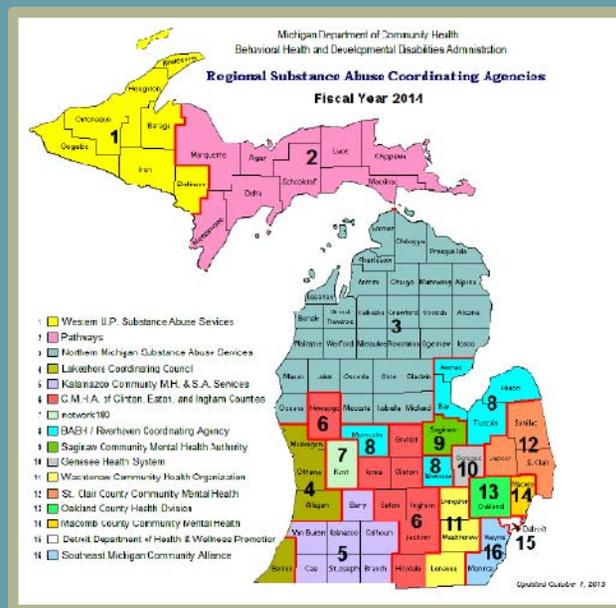
HELP SPREAD THE WORD

- Prescription drug abuse is real, it's dangerous... and it's in *your* community.
- Prescription drugs can be just as dangerous as illicit drugs.
- Talk to teens about the dangers.
- Report suspicious activity.



LOCAL SERVICES

- Regional Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies in Michigan



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