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### **Drug Take Back**

The Community Coalition of Forest County continues to support the Forest County Sheriff's Department to promote National Drug Take Back Days that occur every April and October.

The Sheriff's Department hosted another successful Drug Take Back on Saturday, April 28th.

More than 25 pounds of prescription drugs were collected that day, and another 60 pounds have been collected since October.

Thank you to all of our community members who participated in the Drug Take Back Event!



#### **DOSE OF REALITY:**

Deaths from prescription painkillers have increased by 38% in Wisconsin

# SAFE DISPOSAL SAVES LIVES.



#### How and where should I store prescription painkillers?

Do you store your prescription opioids (or narcotics) and other medications in the medicine cabinet in your bathroom? You're not alone – it's a common practice, but storing your medications in an easily accessible place means they're available for children, teens, or others to find and abuse.

#### Store them out of sight!

Keeping your prescription painkillers secure and out of sight can prevent them from falling into the hands of someone who wants to abuse them. It can also prevent someone in your house from accidentally taking the wrong medication. And when there are children and teens in the house, it's best to keep them out of sight and out of reach.

#### Lock them up!

Storing your prescription painkillers and other medications in a lockbox, safe, or locked medicine cabinet is one of the most effective ways to prevent abuse or accidental use.

#### Safely dispose of them!

Unused medications are a disaster waiting to be found. In 2015, the majority of opioid-related deaths (63%) involved prescription drugs. That's why it's vital to safely dispose of unneeded and expired prescriptions. There is a permanent drug drop box in the Sheriff's Department's lobby available 24/7 for community members to dispose of their expired, unwanted medications.

For more information visit www.doseofrealitywi.gov

If you or someone you know is concerned about the safety of their prescription medications at home, call the Forest County Health Department at 715-478-3371 for information on personal lock boxes.



#### **DOSE OF REALITY:**

Prescription painkiller overdoses have increased by 260% among 12-25 year olds in Wisconsin

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## FOREST COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

The Forest County Drug Task Force in collaboration with the Forest County Health Department and the Community Coalition of Forest County would like to invite any community members that would like to learn more about drugs and the signs to look for to the Praise Chapel Community Church on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for

Drug Identification and Awareness Presentation/Hidden in Plain Sight (Teen Bedroom Display)

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

Place: Praise Chapel Community Church

200 East 6th Street



# Who are we?

The Community Coalition of Forest County (CCFC) is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that was formed in 2008 for the purpose of informing and engaging all age groups and cultures in our diverse county in a collaborative effort to measurably improve the health and well-being of our residents with a focus on substance abuse and prevention.

We meet monthly to make an impact in our community.

#### **Vision Statement**

A healthy, safe, substance free, literate community that empowers all to achieve their maximum potential.

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#### **Mission Statement**

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Forest County shall inform and
engage all age groups and
cultures of our community in a
collaborative effort to
measurably improve the health
and well-being of our residents
with a focus on youth substance
abuse and prevention.

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# Membership

Forest County Government
Forest County Health Department
Forest County Office on Aging
Forest County Potawatomi Community
Forest County Sheriff's Department
Forest County Department of Social Services
Forest County UW-Extension
Kovar Consulting Company, LLC
New Hope Shelter and Wasmogishek Food Pantry
School District of Crandon
School District of Laona
School District of Wabeno
Sokaogon Chippewa Community

