



Please take a moment to read about *some* of the many FREE services HC DrugFree provides to the schools, PTAs/PTSAs, and the greater Howard County community:

HC DrugFree's recent accomplishments:

1. Purchased one \$1,000 permanent medication collection box for the Howard County Police Department (HCPD) and paid for the ongoing disposal of the collected medication
2. Provided funds for Police overtime to staff 10 collection sites for Take Back Day in April 2015
3. Conducted a pre- and post-survey of County residents, medical and legal professionals, and others regarding their perceptions of opioid use/misuse in Howard County
4. Created and launched a media educational campaign that ran between pre/post-surveys to educate/change perceptions of opioid use/misuse in Howard County
5. Funded select police alcohol patrols at Merriweather Post Pavilion as well as purchased equipment used by the patrols and continue the monthly service plan for the equipment

HC DrugFree is currently working on:

1. Continuing our Teen Advisory Council monthly meetings with teens from across the County
2. Providing educational programs in partnership with the schools, PTAs/PTAs, and others
3. Launching the new *In the KNOW... The Face of Prescription Medicine Misuse* campaign, to include creating and funding ads in local media (*Columbia Flier, Howard County Times, The Business Monthly, Your Health Magazine, Her Mind Magazine, etc.*)
4. Creating and providing funding for *In the KNOW* counter-top posters to be placed at more than **70 pharmacies** in the County
5. Creating and providing funding for *In the KNOW* table-top posters for **more than 2,000** medical offices' waiting rooms in the County
6. Launching of HC DrugFree website's new *In the KNOW* microsite including at least **three new educational videos** featuring local experts
7. Coordinating an *Overdose Fatality Review Team* to examine overdose deaths in the County
8. Creating and providing funding for magnets with HCPD and HC DrugFree contact info and educational message regarding opioid use/misuse
9. Advertising in local media for Drug Take Back Day and for ongoing medication collection boxes
10. Partnering with Police to collect unwanted prescription medication on Drug Take Back Day as well as serving as the only location to collect needles, syringes and EpiPens for proper disposal

We hope you like what we offer to the Howard County community for FREE. Let us know. And let us know if there are more ways we might help.

HC DrugFree is contracted by the Howard County Health Department to provide substance misuse prevention/educational services and is proud to partner with the Howard County Police Department, the Howard County Public School System, the PTA Council, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services, and the Library System.

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