

Livingston County Community Alliance Newsletter

July, 2014

The Big Red Barrels

There were 117 pounds of medication collected in the Big Red Barrels in the month of June, 2014. Since the start of the program, 1,875.5 pounds have been collected! This is approximately the weight of a female giraffe! On May 19, the LCCA placed a Big Red Barrel at the Brighton Police Department. Within a month, the Brighton Police Department collected 29 pounds of pills! LCCA members are currently working with the Howell Police Department to place a barrel in their lobby. After this, the Big Red Barrel will be found in EVERY police department, including the Livingston County jail and Michigan State Police Post.



With the help of Maria Stuart, the Big Red Barrel now has its own logo. The logo has been registered with the State of Michigan with assistance from Timothy L. Williams and Associates P.C.

The LCCA is once again partnering with Walgreens to provide take-back opportunities at each of their stores in the county. Each opportunity will be available from 10am-2pm on the second Saturday of every month. Pills will only be accepted. The schedule is: Saturday, July 12- Brighton Walgreens on S. Old US 23; Saturday, August 9-Hartland Walgreens;

Saturday, September 13- Brighton Walgreens on Grand River; Saturday, October 11- Hartland Walgreens.

Please remember that the barrels do not accept inhalers or syringes.



Do you know of a group, business, or an event that would be interested in hosting a take-back opportunity? Please contact Kaitlin if interested!

Educate. Collect. Dispose.

Run Against Drugs Update

The Run Against Drugs run was a success! The run's profit was \$9,268. We had approximately 60 runners. The run committee felt that holding the run on Mother's Day Weekend played a major role in the low turnout. The committee is now exploring possible dates in September, 2015, for next year's run. Stay



tuned for more information. If you would like to help plan next year's race, please contact Kaitlin. We'd love to have more people on the committee!



Parents as Partners in Prevention (P3)

In April, the LCCA's newest subcommittee produced a short video that educates parents about drug trends in Livingston County and what to look for if parents suspect that their kids are using drugs. This video is the first in a series whose purpose is to educate parents. The videos, which are on YouTube, allow parents to get the information at any time, at any place, and using any device. Check out our first video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mogJMw6s-WE>. We will be producing another video in July which will educate the community on utilizing Livingston County resources and navigating the health system to find treatment options. If you are interested in appearing in any of the videos or have suggestions for topics you'd find interesting, please let Kaitlin know!

Why Did All the Frogs CROAK?



The prevention series: **Why Did All the Frogs Croak** has wrapped up- sort of. Although the official meetings are over, there is

still much to do with the information gathered! During the meetings, the community identified four problem areas: past 30 day use of alcohol by Livingston County youth, prescription drug related overdoses and deaths within Livingston County, past 30 day use of marijuana by Livingston County youth, and early onset of alcohol and marijuana use among Livingston County youth. The community brainstormed strategies on how to

address each of these problem areas and then came up with activities that would support each of the strategies. The next step will be to start identifying programs that will fit with our problem areas, strategies, and activities. We will start this at the next LCCA meeting on Tuesday, August 12 from 6:30pm-8pm at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital's 2nd floor administrative conference room. Please help us continue the discussion, formulate a plan, and take action!

Attention Livingston County Residents!

Have You Taken the Online Survey?



Livingston County Middle and High School Students ONLY- complete the online survey for a chance to win one of four \$25 MJR Movie gift cards! Visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/win-movie-tix to enter!

Livingston County Adults 21 and Older ONLY- complete the online survey for a chance to win a \$100 MJR Movie gift card! Visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/win-100-movie-card to enter!

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

Saturday, July 12, 10am-2pm- The Big Red Barrel take-back at Walgreens: 5505 S. Old US 23, Brighton

Saturday, August 9, 10am-2pm- The Big Red Barrel take-back at Walgreens: 10081 Highland Road, Hartland

Tuesday, August 12, 6:30pm-8pm- LCCA meeting at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital's 2nd floor administrative conference room

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