SUMMIT COUNTY
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Problem

The abuse and misuse of opioids frequently begins with prescription pills found in the home, especially the medicine cabinet. The fight against prescription drug abuse has a new weapon to prevent leftover medications from ending up in the wrong hands.

The Deterra Project: Preventing Prescription Medicine Abuse

Summit County Community Partnership is distributing 40,000 drug deactivation pouches in Summit County. If each of these pouches are used to capacity, there will be 1.3 million fewer pills available to fall into the wrong hands in our community, alone. These pouches will be distributed to individuals who typically do not have the capacity to utilize one of the many locked DUMP boxes that are available in our community. These pouches make it easy and convenient for individuals to destroy unused prescription medicine in their own homes.

The user-friendly pouch deactivates prescription drugs and renders contents safe for landfills. After filling the specially formulated pouch with prescription drugs and regular tap water, it can be sealed and thrown away with the household trash.

This initiative provides an additional way to properly dispose of prescription medication, reaching individuals who are unable to utilize a drug take back box. It is intended to supplement the work of Project DUMP and Drug Take Back Days. Find more information at www.cpsummit.org.

Donation

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals is donating 40,000 pouches to Summit County Community Partnership as part of the company's nationwide 1-million pouch donation initiative to help combat the abuse of prescription pain medications.

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, a leading global specialty pharmaceutical company, has a long-standing commitment to the safe and responsible use of medications and is committed to working with community leaders who share the goal of building public awareness of responsible drug disposal's critical role in the fight against prescription drug abuse. Find more information at www.mallinckrodt.com/disposal.

Distribution areas

The Partnership, a consortium of community resources committed to preventing substance abuse, will work to distribute the pouches at 16 Northeast Ohio Acme Fresh Market Pharmacies and with the help of other community organizations, including Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, AUI, Cascade Village - The Community Builders, City of Akron, City of Barberton, Community Health Center, County of Summit ADM Board, Mature Services, Inc., Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, Summa Health, the Summit County Opiate Task Force and Summit County Public Health.

The Deterra Project: Community Partners

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- The City of Akron
- The City of Barberton
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- County of Summit ADM Board
- Mature Services, Inc.
- Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
- Summa Health Systems
- Summit County Opiate Task Force
- Summit County Public Health

The Deterra Project: Community Planning Team

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Aaron Salwan, Pharmacy Resident, Ohio Northern University
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Summit County Community Partnership extends its gratitude to the hundreds of individuals who are working to distribute pouches and information on safe medicine usage and disposal in our community.