

Contact: Danis Russell, CEO Phone 810-257-3707

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

24-Oct-11

UPCOMING EVENT:

CLEAR MEDICINE CABINETS TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE

Genesee County, MI - Prescription drug abuse is at an epidemic level. Expired, unused, or unwanted medications in your home are a potential source of supply that fuel this abuse and are an unacceptable risk to public health and safety. If you have unused medication in your home, you could be unknowingly assisting with the supply of prescription drugs to others. Help is available to clear out that unused medication.

On Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10 AM – 2 PM, Genesee County Community Mental Health along with several local police departments are joining the nationwide DEA effort and will operate collection sites where anyone can turn in their unused, unneeded, and expired prescription drug medications – no questions asked. This is a free, anonymous service that will help keep your home safe and could save lives.

Prescription drugs treat illness and alleviate pain, but they should only be used when prescribed by a doctor. Unfortunately, these medications often end up in the wrong hands. More than 70 percent of people who abuse these medications say they get them from family or friends. Don't be an unknowing source. Strengthen your community and make your home safer by participating in this national initiative. For more information and to find a collection site near you, visit www.dea.gov or visit one of the sites below:

Genesee County Community Mental Health News Release



Contact: Danis Russell, CEO Phone 810-257-3707

- Davison Police Department 200 E. Flint St.
- Fenton City Police Department 301 S Leroy St
- Flushing City Police Department
At Flushing High School 5039 Deland Street
- Grand Blanc Twp. Police Department 5405 S Saginaw St
- City of Linden Police Department 132 East Broad St
- Michigan State Police Post G-4481 Corunna Rd
- Mott Community College
Department of Public Safety 1401 E Court Street
(Presidential Drive at Gorman Street)
- Mundy Twp. Police Department
At Fire Station #2 4011 Hill Rd
- Swartz Creek Police Department
At Swartz Creek High School One Dragon Drive
- Thetford Twp. Police Department 4014 E Vienna Rd

Genesee County CMH provides services and supports to Genesee County residents who are adults and children with developmental disabilities, adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and children with substance use disorders. For more information call Customer Services at (810) 257-3705.

#####