

Success Stories

DUMP- Dispose Unwanted Medications Properly

In the fall of 2008 Purdue Extension partnered with the Sheriff's department, Health Department, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Soil and Water Conservation Service, Towns of Lawrenceburg, Greendale, St. Leon, Bright, Aurora, and Dillsboro to properly dispose of unwanted medications. The goal was to assist residents in the proper disposal of unwanted medications to avoid the possibility of environmental pollution, keeping the medications out of the hands of young children and to rid the home of prescription drugs that may be a target for criminals. Over a three day time period there were six collection sites available for citizens to drop off their unwanted medications. Each site was staffed with police officers and a registered pharmacist to secure the medications and answer questions. Over the three days, 318 pounds of medications were collected and sent to a certified disposal firm. The cost of disposal was paid in part through an Indiana-Illinois Sea Grant and CASA (Citizens Against Substance Abuse).

Project LEAD

In early 2008, 750 fifth and sixth graders participated in the project LEAD (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency) program. As part of the program the students covered 13 topics ranging from how laws are made to police officers difficult choices. Students had the opportunity to meet and hear from speakers such as; Judge, Prosecutor, Police Officer, Juvenile Center Director, and Local Businessmen in a non-threatening environment. In evaluations conducted by one of the schools, the students showed a significant change in knowledge about the legal system.

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