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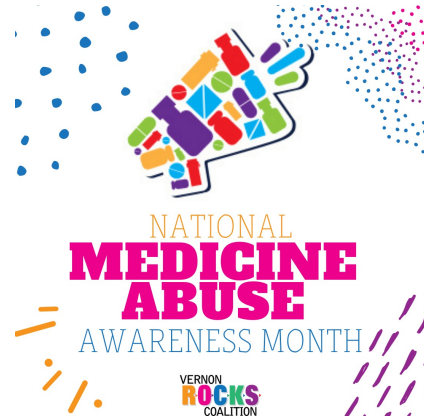


"No act of kindness is too small. The gift of kindness may start as a small ripple that over time can turn into a tidal wave affecting the lives of many."
- Kevin Hart

Visit our Website

October is National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month

Did you know that 20% of teens say they have taken a prescription drug without having a prescription for it themselves, and close to 4% report misusing over-the-counter (OTC) cough medicine to get high ([CADCA](#))? Teens and young adults use these prescriptions to get high, help them study, lose weight, or "to take the edge off". No matter what the reason is, taking prescription medication is very dangerous. Help prevent medicine abuse by educating yourself and others on the effects of drug use and properly storing and disposing of medicine. If you have unused medication mark your calendar for our [Semi-Annual DEA Drug Takeback Day](#) on October 23rd to help prevent misuse!



Do You Have Unused Medicine?

Mark your calendars! Our next Take Back Day is October 23rd. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to the potential for accidental poisoning, misuse, or overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

For more information on the event
[CLICK HERE](#)

COVID-SAFE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

October 23, 2021 | 10A-2P
Walgreens | 188 Union Street, Vernon

SAFELY DISPOSE OF
YOUR UNWANTED AND
UNUSED PRESCRIPTION
MEDICATIONS AND
VAPES

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In The Community

At the end of the month, The Vernon ROCKS Coalition will be participating in Vernon's Trunk-or-Treat! We appreciate this opportunity to begin influencing and encouraging younger children to make positive and healthy decisions and provide resources and information that they can then carry with them as they grow!



News Worthy

New Cannabis/ THC Laws



New CT Cannabis
Legalization Laws

Connecticut's legalization of adult recreational cannabis use has opened up many questions for regarding driving, possession, advertising and more.

Click the link below to see what regulatory components are now in place in regards to cannabis.

More information [HERE](#)

Marketing for E-Cigarettes to be Approved by FDA

The FDA announced it has [authorized the marketing](#) of three new tobacco products, marking the first set of electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) products ever to be authorized by the FDA through the Premarket Tobacco Product Application (PMTA) pathway.

The FDA highlighted, that the "action permits the tobacco products to be sold in the U.S., it does not mean these products are safe or "FDA approved." All tobacco products are harmful and addictive and those who do not use tobacco products should not start."

You can read the FDA press release [HERE](#)



We are Recruiting!

The Village VISTA Collaborative is looking for our next AmeriCorps VISTA! If you know someone who has a passion for service, is hardworking, and wants to help reduce youth substance use in the Town of Vernon, share our position with them!

[Position Application](#)

Additionally, Real Talk is always looking for new members. If you know an RHS student who wants to be a part of something amazing and help make an impact on the Vernon Community tell them about Real Talk! Email Holly at hhansen@thevillage.org for more information and to sign up

[Find More Information about Real Talk Here](#)

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If you or a loved one is having trouble with substance abuse check out the available resources

If you are aware of an underage party or illegal activity follow the link and submit the anonymous

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Are you are interested in becoming more involved with the Vernon ROCKS Coalition we are in the area. Get Help form below, and the Vernon ROCKS Coalition will work with the Vernon Police Department to prevent or stop the activity.

Are you are interested in becoming more involved with the Vernon ROCKS Coalition we are always looking for more members. You can join by visiting our website!

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