



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



*Allegheny Highlands Healthy Youth Coalition*

## ***Coalition Updates***

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### ***Some call it Fall, we call it Prevention Season!***

October is one of the busiest months for our community and for Prevention Services. There are a variety of events that are youth focused and we do our best to attend as many as possible. The Homestead hosted it's annual health fair for employees and this was our first year attending. Many of those who stopped by our table were thankful for the information that we shared as well as the medication lock boxes. The weather for this years Fall Foliage Festival could not have been more perfect and the attendance was reflective of folks being excited to enjoy the sun and beautiful scenery.



# RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon week was Oct. 23-31, this is our nation's largest and longest running drug-use prevention campaign. The National Family Partnership program began Red Ribbon week in 1985. The Red Ribbon is a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.



Students at Callaghan received a Red Ribbon week goody bag that included a frisbee, pin, bracelet, and fun tattoos!

# ***Fall Foliage Fun AND A Give Away***

Katrina Persinger was the winner of the fire safe chest that was given away during the festival. Anyone who stopped by our Healthy Youth tent was able to register to win!



## **REVIVE!** OPIOID OVERDOSE AND NALOXONE EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

Learn how you can help  
when someone experiences  
an opioid overdose.



## ***REVIVE Training for CSB Employees***

On October 20, the Virginia Department of Health presented a REVIVE training at our Mental Health Annex. Twenty-two AHCS staff were trained in the use of naloxone and each person received a REVIVE kit and Narcan that is ready to help save a LIFE!



# ***Drug Take Back Day***

The DEA Sponsored Drug Take Back Day is an effort to encourage the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. This event is truly a team effort, as members of the Allegheny County Sheriffs Office, Lewisgale Allegheny Hospital, Charity Smith with Genoa Pharmacy and Healthy Youth Coalition join together and on this day, collected over 211 lbs. of medications.





# ***Hometown Halloween***



# ***Upcoming Activities***

**November 11** - Veterans Day - Veterans  
Appreciation Event at Hardees In  
Covington

**November 23** - AHCS Closes at 12:00 p.m.

**November 24-25** - AHCS Closed

**December 1** - CAPP at 11:30 at Cuccis  
Healthy Youth Meeting at 12:30 at Cuccis