



# Youth Services System Inc.

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## **Prescription Take Back Day Returns to Northern Panhandle on October 29th**

WHEELING, W.Va — Residents will have the opportunity to return unwanted or unneeded prescription medications on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at various locations throughout the Northern Panhandle. The take back event occurs every April and October.

Take back locations can be found in Hancock County at Davis Pharmacy in Chester, Brooke County at Hood Pharmacy in Follansbee, Ohio County at the Mt. Dechantal Kroger and the Elm Grove Pharmacy, Marshall County at Moundsville Pharmacy, and Wetzel County at both the New Martinsville Fire Department and the Pine Grove Pharmacy.

Youth Services System, Inc. (YSS) and Substance Use Prevention Coalition volunteers, along with local law enforcement, will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illicit drugs will not be accepted. The DEA will also continue to accept vaping devices and cartridges, provided lithium batteries are removed.

Last year, the Northern Panhandle collected 2,231 pounds of prescription drugs, keeping dangerous medications out of medicine cabinets and out of the hands of those who might abuse them. According to a report published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a majority of people who misused a prescription medication obtained the medicine from a family member or friend.

A location finder and partner toolbox are available at [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com) for easy reference to nearby collection sites. Beyond DEA's Take Back Day, every community in the Northern Panhandle has an Rx Takeback Collection Box, and residents are encouraged to utilize them throughout the year. Any day can be drug takeback day!

For more information, please contact Valery Staskey, Prevention Specialist at Youth Services System, at 304-218-2843.

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For more information about Youth Services System, Inc., visit: <https://www.youthservicessystem.org/>

**About Youth Services System, Inc.:**

*Youth Services System, Inc. 's mission is "to create better futures for children, families and our community." YSS is committed to responding to the complex needs of youth at serious risk. Since 1974, Youth Services System, Inc. has reached thousands of youth and their families with our shelter, residential, community-based and professional services. Together with youth and their families, we work to improve their physical and emotional well-being, to address the debilitating effects of abuse, substance use, and trauma, and to build the skills and connections they need to be successful. Accredited by CARF International, YSS is supported by our volunteer Board of Directors, dedicated staff and faithful community, allowing us to make a measurable impact in the lives of youth. For more information, visit [www.youthservicessystem.org](http://www.youthservicessystem.org).*