

What is the Butler County Prescription Drug Monitoring Program?

During the month of June, the Butler County Commission signed a city ordinance known as the Butler County Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) which went into effect July 1, 2017. The purpose of the Butler County Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is to improve the prescribing of prescription pain medications, inform clinical practitioners of high-risk patients, and reduce the number of patients who misuse or abuse prescriptions. The PDMP is an electronic database that collects and tracks all prescriptions written and dispensed. The data is made accessible to authorized clinicians allowing for the identification of individuals who are obtaining prescriptions from multiple providers.

What are Butler County's Prescription Drug Disposal Methods?

The Butler County Health Department houses Medication Disposal System kits that are environmental friendly pouches used to remove unused or expired medications. The packaging deactivates up to 45 capsules or tablets, 6 ounces of liquid, or 6 patches by just adding water. The prescription drop-box is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is located at the Poplar Bluff Police Department. Butler County will be hosting two prescription drug take-back days scheduled during the months of April and October. Time and dates will be forthcoming.

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Treatment for prescription drug misuse or abuse calls for successful detoxification, behavioral counseling, medication, evaluation and treatment for mental health concerns, and long term continuation of an addiction program to reduce the occurrence or possibility of relapse. Local faith-based groups specifically associated with substance misuse or abuse includes Crossroads Ministry, John 3:16, and Recycling Grace Ministries. SEMO Behavioral Health, the Family Counseling Center, and Behavioral Health all promote treatment and support for individuals struggling with dependence.

The Generation Rx Program was created in a collaborative attempt by the Cardinal Health Foundation and Ohio State University College of Pharmacy to aid public awareness as an educational material explicitly designed for medication safety across all age groups. The Butler County Health Department has recently linked with Generation Rx Curriculum. The purpose of accessing and distributing the Generation Rx Program is to reduce the likelihood of local school-aged children in Butler County misusing or abusing prescription drugs. Preventative measures suggested by the program are as follows:

- Adhere to directions as explained by a physician, pharmacist, or the medication label
- Always check the expiration date and dispose of all medications properly
- Store all prescriptions in a secure and safe location
- Promote safe medication practices and teach other individuals to do the same

What are treatment methods for prescription drug misuse or abuse?

For more information call the Butler County Health Department regarding the Butler County Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, personal Medication Disposal System kits, or Generation Rx Program material today.

What is Generation Rx?

