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Horizon partners with local law enforcement for National Drug Take Back Day

VA – The <u>CDC</u> reports, "Every year, two million people end up in the hospital due to drug-related injuries. This might include medication errors, adverse drug reactions, allergic reactions, or overdoses." Furthermore, the majority of people who obtained pills with the intent to misuse, received them from a friend or relative for free or took them without asking <u>(ONDCP)</u>. Disposing of unwanted and expired medications regularly and practicing safe storage methods can prevent overdose, misuse of prescription drugs, potential accidents, and environmental contamination.

On Saturday, **October 29th**, **from 10:00am to 2:00pm**, Horizon Behavioral Health and local law enforcement will be present at seven locations throughout Central Virginia for residents to dispose of expired, unwanted, or unused medications as well as provide valuable, free resources to safely store medications in your home. Rapid REVIVE Trainings will also be offered at each location for individuals interested in receiving free Narcan and becoming trained in opioid overdose emergency response.

Drug Take Back Day Locations:

- Altavista Police Department
 - o 510 7th St, Altavista, VA 24517
- Hometown Pharmacy
 - o 196 Amelon Sq., Madison Heights, VA 24572
- Hometown Pharmacy
 - o 199 Old Courthouse Rd, Appomattox, VA 24522
- Tractor Supply Co.
 - o 1128 East Lynchburg Salem Tpke, Bedford, VA 24523
- Horizon Behavioral Health
 - \circ $\,$ 2215 Langhorne Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24501 $\,$
- Kroger
 - o 4119 Boonsboro Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- Kroger
 - o 2012 Wards Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24502

Horizon Behavioral Health has been the primary public behavioral healthcare provider in the Region 2000 area for more than 53 years. In the last year, Horizon provided services to approximately 12,000 adults and children, addressing problems with mental health, substance use and intellectual disabilities. Horizon is accredited by CARF International. This represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to a behavioral health organization.