

# UPDATES

*Placer-Nevada County Rx Drug Safety Coalition*



## ARE YOU INFORMED ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL AND TAKEBACK?

Proper disposal of prescription drugs is an important part of keeping our communities safe. Proper disposal reduces the opportunity for drug misuse by eliminating other people from accessing drugs in a person's home. According to the Raising Placer [website](#), drugs commonly found on school campuses were reportedly family members' prescriptions which had not been properly secured and disposed.

You can help play a role in preventing incidents like this! The National Prescription Drug Take Back Days are twice yearly opportunities for safe, convenient, and responsible prescription drug disposal. On April 24th, 2021, the last Take Back Day collected **839,543 pounds** of unwanted prescription drugs across the United States, including 48,688 pounds in California, **The next Take Back Day is October 23rd, 2021. More information about this important community event to come!**

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

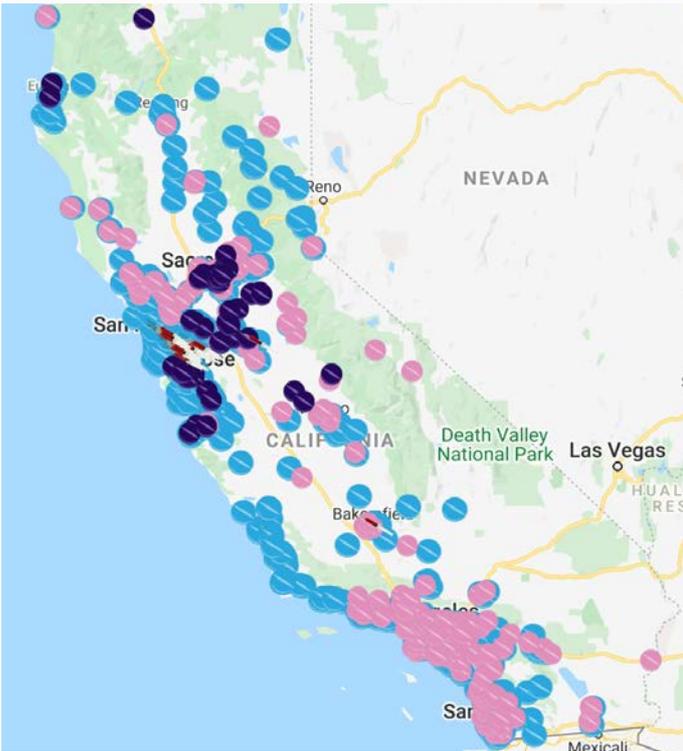
September 10th, 2021 is World Suicide Prevention Day. On this day, we remember loved ones lost to suicide, and we acknowledge that every individual and organization can play a role in suicide prevention. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 800-273-8255, and you can check out additional resources [here](#).

Volunteers are needed for the California CareForce free clinic in Chico, CA on November 12th-14th, 2021. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Next Rx Drug Safety Coalition Meeting: **October 14th, 2021.**

Next Placer-Nevada County ACEs Coalition Meeting: **September 21st, 2021.**

Be sure to keep an eye out for our future newsletters and to follow us on social media for more information. Reach out to [rxdrugsafety@gmail.com](mailto:rxdrugsafety@gmail.com) with questions, concerns, or more information on getting involved!



## DO NOT WAIT TO DISPOSE!

As aforementioned, leaving drugs in the home creates opportunity for misuse, including taking more medication than needed, or taking someone else's medications. Therefore, it is important to be timely in disposing of unwanted medications. Luckily, you do not have to wait for biannual Take Back Days. Placer and Nevada Counties have several permanent drop-off locations for prescription drugs. The image above shows the current locations for drop-off, and locations are updated frequently. To find a location near you, click on the map, or contact Placer-Nevada County Rx Drug Safety Coalition at [rxdrugsafety@gmail.com](mailto:rxdrugsafety@gmail.com) or by phone at (916) 258-2302.

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