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PLAINVILLE COALITION FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

(Plainville, CT) The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development, together with the Substance Abuse Action Council, held a Prescription Take Back Event on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the Plainville Senior Center, resulting in the collection and proper disposal of tens of thousands of medications for Plainville and area residents. The purpose of the Take Back Event was to safely dispose of unused prescription medications thereby limiting their potential for abuse.

According to Marlene McGann, Managing Director of the Substance Abuse Action Council, the event took in a total of 31,082 medications, including over 4,000 narcotics, 243 syringes and 155 pet medications. Individuals from a number of communities disposed of their medications at the take back event, including those from Plainville, Bristol, New Britain, Southington, Farmington, Wethersfield, Berlin, Plantsville, West Hartford, New Hartford, Avon, and Newington.

"We are thrilled with the results of the prescription take back event for several reasons. Participants expressed their gratitude for the service and appreciated learning about the proper way to dispose of unused medications. As a Coalition that focuses on positive youth development, we were also pleased with the volume of medications that we were able to keep out of the hands of youth; minimizing youth exposure to these medications is significant. Finally, we are grateful for the ability to collaborate with others to execute the take back event, including the Substance Abuse Action Council, Coalition member volunteers who assisted at the event, and the Plainville Senior Center staff," said Coalition Co-Chairs, Roberta Brown and Lynn Davis.

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