

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Healthy People Wood County has been addressing our communities top health priorities since 1993. Today, over 150 community members collaborate to address top identified substance use concerns in Wood County.

In 2020, the AOD Prevention Partnership was successful in securing the federal Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support program funding for 5 years. Sara Luchini (March) and Jacob Wagner (April) were hired by Wood County Health Department in 2021 to provide staff support to the DFC project.

Committees were formed to address each priority area written into DFC: Alcohol Workgroup, Rx Committee, Branding Committee, and PATCH (Providers and Teens Communicating for Health). The full coalition and these committees met 29 times throughout the year.

National Coalition Academy



Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) National Coalition Academy (NCA) is a comprehensive, year-long training program.

The NCA incorporates three, week-long classroom sessions, a web-based distance learning component, an online workstation where participants network and share planning products and free ongoing coalition development technical assistance.

Tools developed for South Wood County through the NCA include:

**Community Assessment
Logic Model**

**Evaluation Communication Plan
Strategic and Action Plan**

**Evaluation Plan
Sustainability Plan**

AOD Prevention Partnership graduated from the program with a ceremony taking place at the CADCA National Leadership Forum in 2022.

Coalition Rebranding



The AOD Prevention Partnership ended 2021 by rebranding. The Branding Committee reimagined the mission, vision, and values, creating a new look and feel for 2022. **IMPACT** stands for *Inspiring and Mobilizing People to Action for Community Transformation*. The logo embodies the idea that we are a diverse, equitable community team out to make an *IMPACT* toward positive community change.

Vision: Wood County is a safe, healthy place to thrive without the use of substances.

Mission: To create a safe and healthy Wood County for all by preventing youth substance use and reducing adverse effects of substance use in an environment that fosters recovery.

Values: Improvement, passion, respect, support, unity

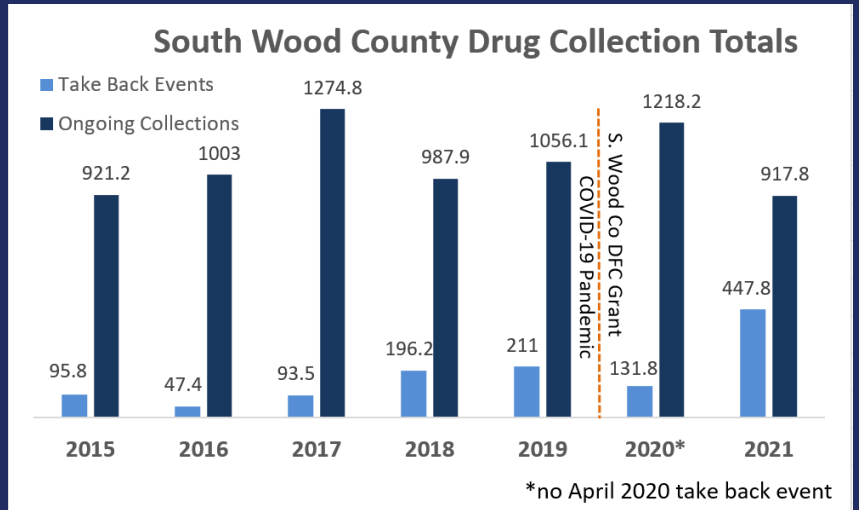


Prescription Drug Disposal

The Rx Committee partnered with Wood County law enforcement agencies to participate in the national Drug Take Back initiatives in April and October. Through local efforts, **1,365.6** pounds of medications were collected. These medications are no longer in danger of falling into the wrong hands, as these events are the most responsible and environmentally sound way to dispose of medications.

The Rx Committee continues to distribute materials that promote securing, monitoring, and properly disposing medications.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin was able to assist in providing **200** medication deactivation kits through the Meals on Wheels program. (Data for this disposal method is not collected.)



PATCH is a youth-driven program to educate, engage, and empower young people to take control of their own health.

In July, teens from three high schools in South Wood County formed the PATCH WoCo program.

PATCH members organized a food drive to support a local food pantry, participated in the "Get Yourself Tested" campaign, and delivered a peer to peer workshop.

PATCH teens participate in enrichment trainings so they can relay important information to their peers. Topics include:

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| Body Image | Health Literacy | Storytelling |
| Body Positivity | Public Speaking | Substance Use |
| Confidentiality | Self Care | Workshop Practice |
| Goal Setting | Sexual Health | Workshop Review |

Community Presentations

The Alcohol Workgroup launched an online presentation that provides local data, community resources, and personal stories from community members on the importance of preventing underage drinking. This virtual presentation is a shift in how we are reaching our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A presentation on Rx Securing and Disposing was provided on BINGO Day at the Centralia Center in December. Medication lock boxes and at-home medication deactivation kits were distributed to those in attendance.



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