

March 2023 Newsletter

S.A.O.R.

Southwest Alabama Opioid Response Project

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Sumter County Strengthening Families Program - Medication lock boxes were provided by the RCORP for program participants (more program information provided below).

We invite you to view the following collection of professional and community education resources focused on increasing awareness of opioid and substance misuse, reducing stigma, and prevention education. This newsletter is brought to you by The S.A.O.R. Project, aiming to reduce the health impact and mortality associated with opioid use disorder (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD). Please scroll down to find descriptions and web links for community education resources and events, along with local, state, and national resources. You can also find continuously updated educational material by visiting the [S.A.O.R. Community Education Page](#).

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

[Escape Vapes: Education Session -March 23rd at 6pm- Register Here!](#)

[Alabama Health Dashboard - Available Now!](#)

[Alabama Farmer's Market Vouchers -Apply Here!](#)

[Whole Health Action Management](#)

[MAINTAINING CONNECTION: Strategies to Manage a Virtual Harm Reduction Workplace](#)

[Click here to check out our website!](#)



QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

Target Audience: Veterans, Family and Community Members of Butler County

QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

Sponsored by
the Southern Alabama AHEC
SSG Fox Suicide Prevention Grant

***All Veterans, Family and
Community Members are invited!***



The Long Creek MBC
Outreach Ministry will
be giving out food boxes
on a **FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVE BASIS!**

**TUES. MAR. 21, 5-7 PM
LONG CREEK MBC
3665 SHOWS RD
GEORGIANA, AL 36033**



**Marengo County - Demopolis Police Department Spring
Fling**

Target Audience: Marengo County Residents

DEMOPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT



SPRING FLING

Date: March 22, 2023

Location: Demopolis Middle School Ball Field

Time: 6:00 pm— 9:00pm

Come Join Us For :

- * Kids Activities***
- * Food***
- * Music***
- * Business Displays***
- * Demonstrations***
- * Fun***

Contact Information

Demopolis Police Department

(334) 289- 3073

**Marengo County- SAOR collects unused
medication at Demopolis Police Department Spring
Fling**

Target Audience: Residents of Marengo County.



**BRING YOUR UNUSED MEDICATION TO
THE DEMOPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPRING FLING!**

WHO: Citizens of Marengo County

WHERE: Demopolis Middle School Field

WHEN: March 22nd, 6:00pm-9:00pm

WHY :To provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for misuse of medications.



Escape Vapes Education Session - Register Today!

Target Audience: Adults and Youth

Southwest Alabama Opioid
Response Program

PRESENTS

Escape Vapes:

Empowering [REGISTER HERE](#)
Adults & Youth

Guest Speaker :Tera Glenn

Thursday

Mar

23

@6:00pm



Choctaw County - Community Health & Wellness Fair

Target Audience: Residents of Choctaw County.

Fairfield CME

and Health & Wellness Ed. Center Presents

A Community Health & Wellness Fair



Free Health Screenings

- COVID 19 Testing
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- more

Free Health Education Information

- Autism Awareness
- STI Awareness
- SNAP/Food Stamps
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Nutrition and Exercise
- Opioid/Fentanyl
- Heart Health and Diabetes Awareness
- Mental Health Awareness
- Lung Health Awareness
- Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal
- Home Safety
- More

Saturday, April 1
10:00 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cromwell-Halsell VFD
2872 County RD 7
Lisman, AL 36912

VENDORS WELCOME

For details call:
Yolunda Johnson
205-657-1062
or
Johnnie Sanders - 205-652-6557
or call or text 205-523-5894



Butler County - National Drug Take Back Event

Target Audience: Residents of Butler County.



ATTENTION: BUTLER COUNTY!

**What: Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.**

**Where: Georgiana Police Department
400 E Railroad Ave,
Georgiana, AL 36033**

**When: Saturday, April 22, 2023
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back. Visit [DEATake
Back.com](https://DEATakeBack.com) for a collection site near you.

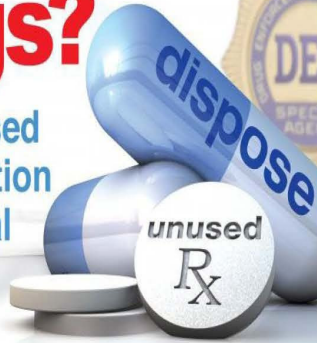


Dallas County - National Drug Take Back Event

Target Audience: Residents of Dallas County

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused
or expired medication
for safe disposal
here



ATTENTION: DALLAS COUNTY!

What: Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.

Where: Carter Drugs, 133 Broad St,
Selma, AL 36701

When: Saturday, April 22
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.



Clarke County - Community Spring Fling

Target Audience: Interested residents of Clarke County.

COFFEEVILLE ONE COMMUNITY

Calling all vendors!

If you are interested in selling your products at the COC Spring Fling please complete the COC Spring Fling Vendors Form.

Spring Fling



Rain or Shine

APRIL 22, 2023

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Coffeeville High School
22974 AL Highway 69
Coffeeville, AL 36524

Proceeds go to Community Center Development

**A Practical Approach to PDMP (Prescription Drug
Monitoring Programs) Usage: A Townhall Event-
Tuscaloosa- April 26th**

Target Audience :Healthcare Professionals



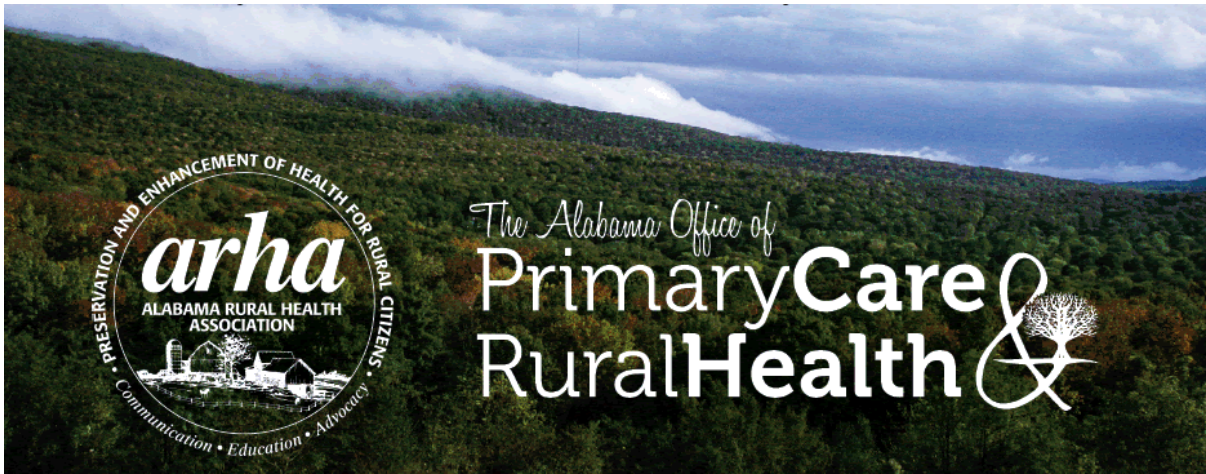
An interactive, 2-hour training session regarding PDMP Usage. Practical application across healthcare professionals with targeted content around common prescribing errors, account maintenance, understanding of prescriber, and patient reports.

This project is supported by Grant No 15PBJA-21-GG-02611-PDMP awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the SMART Office. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S.

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2023 Alabama Rural Health Conference

Target Audience : Rural Primary Healthcare Professionals



The Alabama Rural Health Association is excited to announce our 2023 Alabama Rural Health Conference will be held on April 27-28, 2023 as a hybrid conference. Come join us at Embassy Suites in Hoover, AL or attend virtually!

This year's conference will feature topics such as:

- Medicaid Expansion
- Emergency Preparedness
- Telehealth Update
- National Rural Health Update
- On-Demand Session

April National Health Observances



NATIONAL
**MINORITY
HEALTH
MONTH**

Better Health Through Better Understanding | April 2023

April 22 is National Drug TakeBack Day

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK

April 22, 2023



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RCORP *in the community*

Monroe County



The Monroe County Recovery Program - "My Chains Are Gone" is getting a new home as construction is underway for the new church!

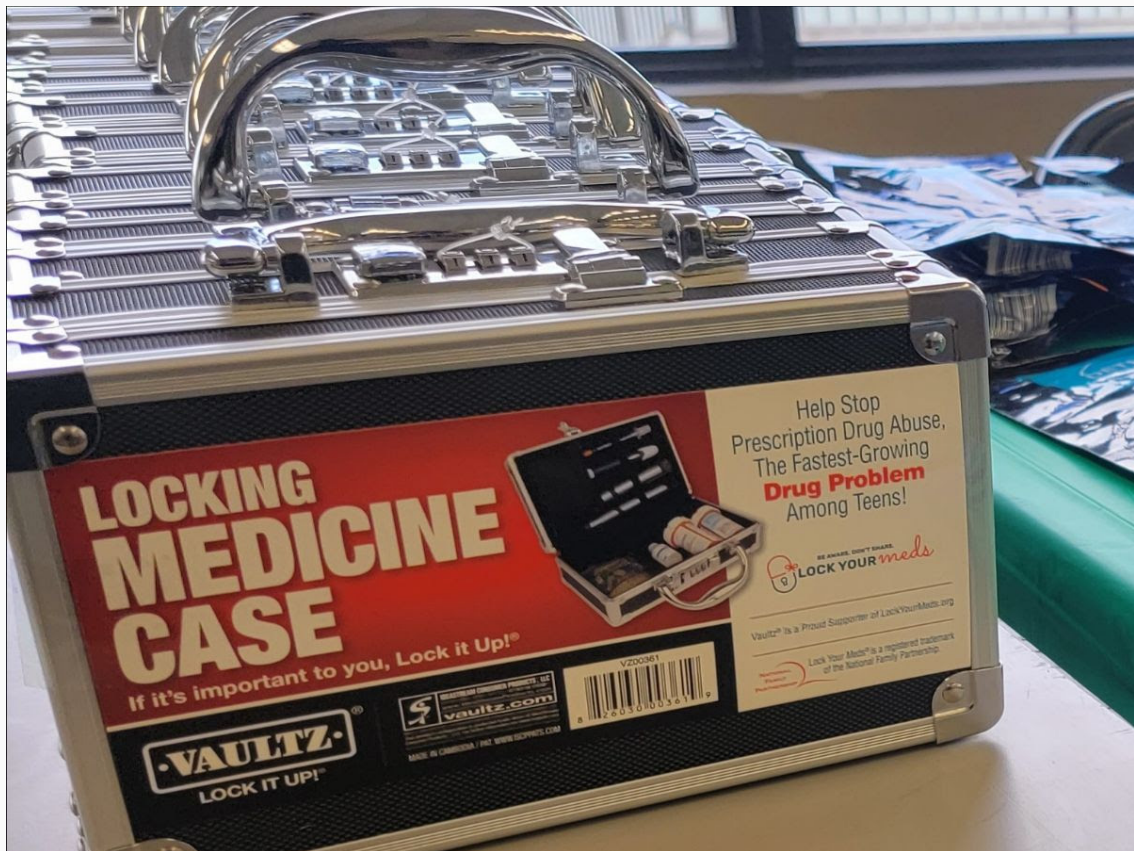
Monroe County - Recovery Program



Congratulations to the March 2023 program graduates who are pictured with Pastor Rowell.



Sumter County - Strengthening Families Program



RCORP provided medication lock boxes for Strengthening Families' program participants during the March 21st meeting. A medication lock box is a secure container that ensures medicine is only accessible to the prescription holder and will help reduce accidental overdose or misuse of medication.



West Central Alabama AHEC and the Health & Wellness Education Center provided RCORP medication lock boxes, information on substance use, and deterra medication disposal kits to attendees.

*For more information about the **Strengthening Families Program**, please contact Eleanor James:
eleanorjames53@yahoo.com*



Sumter County officer spoke about the dangers of opioids and the importance of Narcan administration to help save lives.

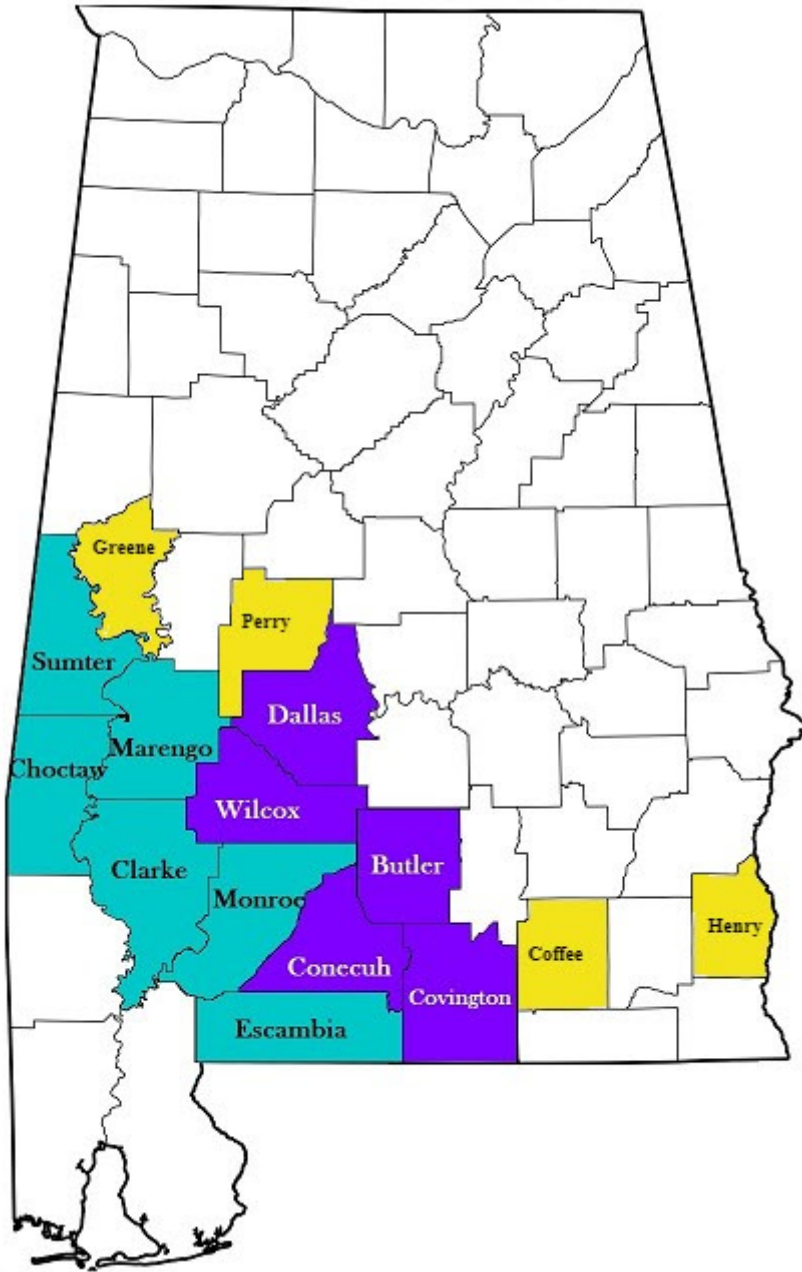
Community members can get Free narcan training [online here](#) through the Jefferson County Department of Health.

Sumter County



Our community health workers are valued front line public health workers who are trusted members of the communities served. They are liaisons to bridge the gap between health/social services for community members, physicians, and healthcare professionals.

**Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Service
Area Map**



West Central Alabama AHEC (Area Health Education Center) presents a map of the counties where the S.A.O.R. (Southwest Alabama Opioid Response) Project is being implemented.

RCORP II (Turquoise)

RCORP III (Purple)

RCORP IV (Yellow)



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