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The Alliance for Youth & Families Hosts Bay Area Medication Take Back Day

Community Continues to Prioritize Safe Medication Disposal Across the Region



Houston, TX – On Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, The Alliance for Youth & Families, in partnership with local law enforcement and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), hosted **Bay Area Medication Take Back Day**—a regional event that provided the community with a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Participants were able to drive through and drop off medications at **six locations** across the Bay Area, where law enforcement and trained volunteers ensured the proper off-site disposal of collected items.

Drop-Off Locations Included:

- **Friendswood Police Department**
- **Harris County Constable Precinct 8**
- **League City Police Department**
- **Nassau Bay Police Department**
- **Seabrook Police Department**
- **Kemah Police Department**



Proper medication disposal is vital to protecting our environment and keeping harmful substances out of the wrong hands. **Unused or expired medications that are flushed or**

tossed in the trash can contaminate water sources or lead to accidental ingestion, misuse, or abuse.



Since the launch of this initiative in **September 2010**, The Alliance has coordinated **30 community take back events**, resulting in the **safe disposal of more than 38,869 pounds** of unwanted medications. More than **10,000 community members** have participated over the years—demonstrating the ongoing commitment of Bay Area residents to public safety and environmental health.

From **June 2024 through April 2025 alone**, the Alliance collected **2,600 pounds** of medications, thanks to the continued partnership with local law enforcement agencies!

“We are proud to support impactful initiatives like Medication Take Back Day,” said **Doug Meisinger**, Board President of *The Alliance for Youth & Families*, **Kemah City Councilman**, and **owner of Kemah Steakhouse**, who volunteered at the Kemah drop-off location. “This event plays a critical role in preventing prescription drug misuse while bringing our community together in the shared mission of creating a safer, healthier environment for everyone.”

For more information on upcoming Medication Take Back events or how to safely dispose of medications year-round, visit <https://thealliancebayarea.org/medication-take-back> or contact The Alliance for Youth & Families.

