



ROANOKE AREA YOUTH
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

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RAYSAC Radar!

Red Ribbon Week!



RAYSAC (Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition) and Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare are excited to sponsor Red Ribbon Week in the Roanoke Valley as a way to demonstrate our commitment to a safe and drug free Roanoke Valley. All schools in our jurisdictions (Roanoke City, Salem City, Botetourt County, Craig County, Roanoke County, and all private schools in our area) are encouraged to participate in week long (October 26-30th) drug and alcohol awareness events to promote a drug free lifestyle for our youth. This year the theme is *It's up to Me to be Drug Free*. Red Ribbon Week ends with a Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance and Hope on Sunday October 30th, at Hotel Roanoke. Prizes are awarded at that time.

Parents talk to your children about *Red Ribbon Week*. Ask them what their school is doing to raise awareness about alcohol, and other drug abuse. Use your voice, they will listen!



Got Drugs?

**Turn in Unused or Expired Medications for Safe Disposal
Saturday, October 29th**

Prescription drug and medication abuse is a significant public health issue. They are easily accessible and often kept in the medicine cabinet long after they are needed, making them readily available to people who might misuse or abuse them. Medications should always be made hard to find or kept in a locked cabinet. One way to reduce accessibility is to properly dispose of them in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

Participating in the DEA National Drug Take-Back event instead of leaving medications unsecured in your home or flushing them down the toilet will help prevent drug abuse and protect our valley's waterways. Please collect your unused and expired medications and bring them to one of the following locations.

**Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00am-2:00pm**

**Roanoke Civic Center
Salem Police Department
Botetourt County-Kroger Daleville
Tanglewood Mall-Kroger
Vinton-Hardy Road Kroger**

Promoting a Safe and Drug Free Roanoke Valley!