



**Summary of Current Efforts – Mayor’s Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use
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The Mayor’s Task Force continues to play a key role in a local initiative to raise awareness about prescription drug abuse. This is an important community effort because of the rising concern – both locally and nationally – about the misuse of these medicines by young people. As the flagship portion of this project, a coalition of local partners is working to establish drop boxes in the Northfield and Faribault Police Stations for community members to safely and anonymously drop off unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines. The boxes should be in place by mid-September. Community education will begin with a display at the Rice County Fair and continue throughout the next year. Partners in this effort include the Northfield Police Department, the Northfield Hospital, District One Hospital, the Faribault Police Department, the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition, Rice County Public Health, and the Rice County Sheriff’s Office.

As discussed last month, members of the Mayor’s Task Force continue to lead a court monitoring program for cases involving adults providing alcohol to minors or cases involving the dealing of drugs. Task Force members read Victim Impact Statements at three more court sentencings since the last report.

The Mayor’s Task Force published its monthly column in the *Northfield News*. This month’s piece focused on the difficult transition faced by many youth in moving from adolescence to young adulthood. Two Task Force members did a follow-up interview on KYMN radio.

For more information on the Task Force, visit www.mayorstaskforcenorthfield.org