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The change is being made to better reflect the wide array of services provided by the agency, according to Executive Director, Bobby Barton. Changes in the marketplace of behavioral health services over the past few years have brought unprecedented developments that are spurring growth and emerging trends in the healthcare industry, he said. The term behavioral health includes not only traditional mental health services, but a variety of services for individuals, families and children, substance abuse services, and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For this reason, the Board of Directors of Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service decided to forge a new brand for the organization under which all of services will be known, Barton said.

"We want to have a uniformity of brand and name to better reflect the overall services provided by the agency. Our mission hasn't changed but our scope of services has expanded to meet the changing needs" he said.

"Some people may have no idea what the organization was and what it did, and then, the people who did know, might have had an opinion about us that was formed somewhere in the previous 40 years, Barton said. The brand and name change gives us the opportunity to reinforce the message of our inclusive and encompassing services, which are designed to assist all individuals and their families in reaching toward their goals of recovery.

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Service Spotlight

Congratulations to the Yazoo **MOOD CREW** for winning Best T-Shirt and Most Participation at the NAMI Walk on Saturday! The walk was held on November 5th at the MS Museum of Art Garden in downtown Jackson. The Yazoo staff who worked on t-shirt design and orders, organized and coordinated participant attendance, drove vehicles and picked up participants include Lashell Steward, Lynn Hale, Cynthia Tyner, and Sharon Moore. Their service is greatly appreciated by staff and consumers.

NAMI Mississippi





Local agencies partner for Annual Medication Take-Back Event

The GATEWAY MAP COALITION teamed up with local and state law enforcement agencies - Yazoo City Police Department, Yazoo County Sheriff Department and Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics in partnership with the National Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sponsoring its 11th Annual PRESCRIPTION DRUG ROUND-UP EVENT. The event was held on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the Plaza Shopping Center. The group collected unused, unwanted and expired medications to help program families, the community, and the environment by safely disposing of prescription and over-the-counter

medications.

[Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Take Back Program](#)



This drug disposal unit is located in the lobby of the Vicksburg Police Department. Unwanted, expired, or unused prescription and over-the-counter medications can be disposed of at this public disposal site. The container is funded through the Mississippi Prevention Alliance for Communities and Colleges (mPACC) grant program that aims to increase awareness of the consequences of substance use, its risk factors and protective factors, and to alter alcohol and prescription drug consumption patterns by funding prevention efforts through Warren Yazoo Behavioral Health in partnership with Vicksburg Family Development Service, the Vicksburg Police Department, and other prevention partners.

"Take back programs offer a safe, simple, and anonymous way to keep dangerous prescription drugs out of the wrong hands and prevent substance abuse," said Chuck Rosenberg, Acting DEA Administrator.

Mississippians Advocating

Against Unhealthy Decisions (MAAUD)



Members of the MAAUD, a statewide coalition, met on June 16, 2016 at the Vicksburg office of Warren Yazoo Behavioral Health. The group discussed the state-wide Sticker Shock campaign and members were provided with a MAAUD information sheet to distribute to local alcohol merchants. Sticker Shock is a nationwide campaign that aims to shock those who would buy alcohol for underage drinkers. It is a "youth-led initiative to change adult attitudes about selling and providing alcohol to minors." This community awareness program is designed to prevent people 21 and older from purchasing alcohol and providing it to underage individuals. Participants involved in Project Sticker Shock visit partnering stores and place stickers with a warning message about the penalties for providing alcohol to anyone under 21 and using a fake ID to purchase alcohol. This unique program represents a partnership among youth, retail establishments, concerned parents, community members, prevention professionals and law enforcement. Project Sticker Shock is a great opportunity for community groups, faith-based groups, school-based groups or any group interested in preventing underage drinking.

Gateway MAP Coalition teams up with Yazoo City High School Lady Indians Basketball team to conduct sticker shock in area alcohol selling establishments on June 30 and July 1, 2016. Five local convenience stores partnered with the coalition to prevent underage drinking. We appreciate the participation of the following stores: Kaye's Market, Jr. Food Mart, Orbit, Mayfield's, and Berry's Quick Shop (Benton).



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Warren Yazoo employees Shirley Lowery, Jessica Delk, and Nikki Garrard were among the 500 runners and walkers at the 2016 United Way Campaign kickoff Color Run held in Vicksburg on September 17, 2016.

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