

Medication Literacy Project



INAUGURAL MEDICATION LITERACY MONTH: **JUNE, 2021**

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ABOUT THE MEDICATION LITERACY PROJECT

The Medication Literacy Project, led by Dr. Demetra Antimisiaris, "Dr. Dee", was developed to bring awareness to the importance of medication education and medication literacy. With approximately 20,000 prescription and over 300,000 over the counter products available to consumers, understanding on how to use the medications we are taking has never been more critical. Each person should be able to predict, understand, recognize, and manage medication effects, side effects and risks for the medications they use. Polypharmacy (the use of multiple medications together, often associated with medication use risk) is usually associated with older persons, but today younger adults and children live with polypharmacy. Without medication literacy, it is difficult to use medications effectively and safely.



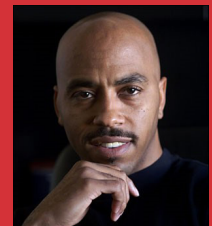
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Due to the need for more public awareness regarding polypharmacy, and medication literacy, the Frazier Polypharmacy Program is launching a community engagement program. Dr. Dee's aim was to create training resources for young people. She created a medication literacy resource (on-line modules). Lisa Baunach, Administrative Director of the Frazier Polypharmacy Program, created a fun and exciting "Educate Before You Medicate" themed collaborative initiative for young adults. The inaugural Medication Literacy Month includes a free summer enrichment medication education pilot program for secondary students. There is also a statewide art, essay and infographics contest for students in grades 5-12.

"Students entering the competition will have the opportunity to be a positive advocate for medication literacy with their family and within the community. Medication Education is important to all of us. The medication education program provides a platform to encourage students to pursue education and degrees in the health sciences and public health."



Darrell Griffith, "Dr. Dunkenstein"
Hall of Fame basketball legend and UofL Alum '80.
Darrell is the serving as this year's
Honorary Ambassador.



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