

Medication Literacy Project



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

Sponsored by Passport Health Plan by Molina Healthcare

June is Medication Literacy Month, "Educate Before You Medicate"! This is a collaborative community initiative featuring an "Educate Before You Medicate" themed program for young people. The purpose is to bring awareness to the importance of medication literacy for all members of society who use any type of medication, vitamin, supplement, or herbal supplement. With the unprecedented level of medication use across the Commonwealth and our nation, even young adults experiencing very high levels of polypharmacy, it is important for each person to be able to predict, understand and manage medication effects, side effects, and risks.

OUR GOAL: Medication Literacy Month will bring attention to the importance of medication literacy and encourage Kentuckians to seek knowledge and understanding about the medications that they use, work, or interact with.

ART, ESSAY & INFOGRAPHIC CONTEST, "EDUCATE BEFORE YOU MEDICATE" 06/01/21 - 07/31/21

To promote awareness of the importance of medication education and medication literacy, and to inspire students to be positive advocates for medication literacy with their families and communities, the UofL Frazier Polypharmacy Program is hosting an Art, Essay & Infographic Contest, "Educate Before You Medicate." Students in grades 5-12 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will refer to the Medication Education Program's on-line modules relating to the Medication Literacy Checklist for inspiration for their submission. There are three categories for each division. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be given for each division and each category, for a total of 27 awards.

MEDICATION EDUCATION PROGRAM 06/01/21 - 07/31/21

The Medication Education Program is a free summer enrichment educational program offered to students, parents, and teachers in grades 5-12. The program will consist of short educational modules and materials for students to explore medication literacy concepts. Students will focus on the **Medication Literacy Checklist** to empower the use of medications effectively and safely. It addresses the questions we should have when taking medications, i.e., What, Why, When, Adverse Effects, Interactions, and Monitoring. Upon completion of the modules, students will receive a certificate.

Medication Literacy Checklist

1 (What) is the medication or product name?

2 (Why) are you taking the medication?

3 (When) do you take the medication?

4 (Adverse Effects) Can you name any side effects of the medication?

5 (Interactions) Can you describe any "drug" interactions?

6 (Monitoring) Do you know what to monitor when taking this medication?



Safe and effective medication use requires the "3Ws" and ""AIM"

What, Why, When, and Adverse Effects, Interactions, Monitoring

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