

Talk to focus on medication safety

Medication safety is the title of a free talk on Nov. 7 from 1-3pm at Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe.

Staff from Barton Health will address safety issues regarding prescriptions, offer questions to ask a pharmacist, and provide information about proper storage and disposal. It is free.

According to the South Tahoe Drug Free Coalition, prescription drug abuse is a growing problem across the United States, with opioid related deaths quadrupling since 1999. In addition, every year more than 34,000 U.S. children go to the emergency room for accidentally ingesting prescription drugs.

The coalition is working to combat these deadly trends by handing out free prescription drug lock bags. To obtain a bag or to find out more information, contact Kelsey Magoon at kmagoon@tahoeyouth.org or 530.541.2445.