



# Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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## Message to Coalition Members:



At this point in time, due to COVID19, the Coalition staff is being directed to work from home. We have obtained a conference call line which we will maintain for the Coalition until further notice. We will not be meeting in person for any upcoming meetings, events, etc. until further notice. All Coalition, Task Force and Committee meetings will be held via conference call and at the discretion of the Chairs. Please stay tuned for notifications of upcoming meetings and proper call-in information via your regular email communications. See additional updates and cancelations on page 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [colleen.banik@dor.org](mailto:colleen.banik@dor.org)

### COALITION WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Don't forget to visit our Website and our Facebook Page and invite your friends to view and like our page as well.

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We are asking all Coalition Members and Community Partners to let us know of any upcoming events, activities, public meetings, etc. that are or will be happening in your communities. Please contact us at the information provided.

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**Steuben Prevention Coalition attends ELNOST**

**Legislative Breakfast**  
(Expanded Learning Network of the Southern Tier)

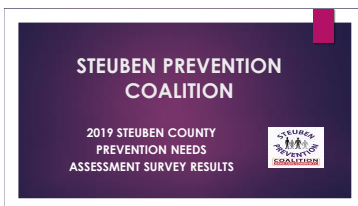


(Photo: from left – Alison Hunt, Congressman Reed’s Office, Sharon Moore, Senator Tom O’Mara’s Office, Jeremy Cranmer, Neighborhood Transportation Center, Assemblyman Chris Friend, Student Leader Alexis Loss and Bill Caudill, Steuben County Youth Bureau)

On March 6, 2020 the Steuben Prevention Coalition attended the 2020 Annual Legislative Breakfast at the invitation of the Expanded Learning Network of the Southern Tier. The Coalition heard from state, federal and local representatives as well as approximately 54 participants at the breakfast relative to their thoughts and concerns for area organizations, agencies and communities.

The Coalition had an opportunity to briefly present some of the critical data obtained in the recent 2019 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey.

If you would like to know more about the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey results, please contact the Coalition at [colleen.banik@dor.org](mailto:colleen.banik@dor.org)



**Opportunity Available**

**The Steuben Prevention Coalition has an opening available for an individual looking to join our team.**

**Clerical Assistant  
DFC – Steuben Prevention Coalition**

**CLERICAL ASSISTANT**

Substance Free Living/Prevention Bath, NY Part-Time (17-21 hours a week)

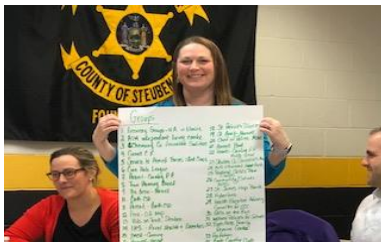
**PRIMARY FUNCTION:** The clerical assistant will assist the Program Coordinator with daily operations of the Steuben Prevention Coalition whole purpose is to strengthen collaboration and increase capacity building among communities and reduce substance abuse among youth.

For a full job description and/or if you are interested in a position, please contact Jackie Andersen at [jacqueline.andersen@dor.org](mailto:jacqueline.andersen@dor.org) to discuss next steps.

<https://www.catholiccharitiessteuben.org/join-our-team/>



**Steuben Prevention Coalition hosts Epiphany Community Services during March Meeting**



On March 13, 2020, the Coalition hosted our Evaluation Services Consultant from Epiphany Community Services at a full Coalition meeting. Great communication, discussion and work was accomplished during this meeting revolving around capacity building and sustainability of the Coalition.

Thank you, Kelli Keck for your continued guidance and support and thank you to our Coalition members in attendance.



**Reminder to Coalition Members of the 7 Intervention Strategies Effecting Community Action & Community Change (Epiphany Community Services)**

**Community Change**

Coalitions are uniquely designed to create change. Community changes are those changes that result in new and modified policies, practices or programs. These changes must be facilitated by or on behalf of the coalition and must be aimed at the issues the coalition is working on, such as substance abuse, healthcare, policy and early childhood development. Changes must occur and are not merely planned. The coalition cannot count changes that are done by members of the coalition of their own volition. Additionally, changes that are not related to the goals of the coalition cannot be counted.

**Community Action**

As coalitions are uniquely designed to create change, they must take action to create these changes in policy, program and practice. Community actions must be related to a subsequent community change. These actions must be facilitated by or on behalf of the coalition and must be aimed at the issues the coalition is working on, such as substance abuse, healthcare, policy and early childhood development. Actions must occur and are not merely planned. The coalition cannot count actions that are done by members of the coalition of their own volition. Additionally, actions that are not related to the goals of the coalition cannot be counted.

**Strategies**



**Provide Information**

Educational presentations, workshops or seminars or other presentations of data. These are typically one-way communications such as billboards, web-based communication, public announcements brochures etc.

**Build Skills**

Workshops, seminars or other activities designed to increase the skills of participants, members and staff needed to achieve population level outcomes. These typically involve two-way communications such as training, technical assistance, distance learning and curriculum development.

**Provide Support**

Creating opportunities to support people to participate in activities that reduce risk or enhance protection such as alternative activities, mentoring, referrals, support groups or clubs.

**Modify Access/Barriers**

Improving systems and processes to increase the ease, ability and opportunity to utilize those systems and services, such as assuring healthcare, justice, education, special needs and cultural and language sensitivity.

**Changing Incentives/Disincentives**

Increasing or decreasing the probability of a specific behavior that reduces risk or enhances protection by altering the consequences for performing that behavior.

**Change Physical Design**

Changing the physical design or structure of the environment to reduce risk or enhance protection. Examples include parks, landscapes, signage, lighting and outlet density.

**Modifying Policies**

Formal change in written procedures, bylaws, proclamations, rules or laws with written documentation and or voting procedures. Examples include workplace initiatives, law enforcement procedure and practices, public policy actions, systems change with government, communities and organizations.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Next Coalition Meeting**

May 13, 2020

11:00 am – Steuben County Sheriff's Bldg., Bath, NY

Currently will be held via Video Conference

Conference link information will be distributed prior to the meeting

**Upcoming Coalition Meeting Presentations:**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Jenna Houghtaling of Finger Lakes Problem Gambling Resource Center and Darlene Smith of Steuben County Public Health to present on OD Mapping (to be determined upon availability of Video Conferencing)



**Additional Coalition Updates & Cancellations Due to COVID 19**

Unfortunately, all Health Fair and Tabling Event participation by the Steuben Prevention Coalition has been suspended until further notice.

The annual Prom/Graduation activities and events are also suspended until further notice.

The DITEP Training (Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals) announcement will still go out in April and currently will still be held in July with dates to be determined upon confirmation with the New York State Police and availability of the Steuben County Sheriff's Office facilities.

TIPS Training (Responsible Alcohol – Training for Intervention Procedures) will not take place until further notice.

Student Focus Groups will not take place until further notice.

Key Informant interviews can take place via phone. Stay tuned for contact from the Coalition staff for assistance in accomplishing these interviews.

Currently the Youth Retreat planned for May is being put on hold with alternative options for use of the funding will be discussed with The Bath Elks Lodge.

The Community Youth & Family Movie Night courtesy of the Edith Saxton Grant Fund will still be planned for July with the date to be determined.

Planning for the Youth Action Forum for late fall of 2020 is still taking place and funding should still be sought. Notice should still go out to the school districts before the close of school in June.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition staff at [colleen.banik@dor.org](mailto:colleen.banik@dor.org)



**MISSION:**

To promote healthy and safe communities in Steuben County by reducing alcohol and drug use among our youth!

**VISION:**

To have a county where our youth are healthy and drug free!

**Steuben County Underage Party & Drug Information Tip Line**

Anyone with information relating to underage drinking such as parties, underage sales, etc. or information relating to illegal drugs, such as sales, dealers or other suspicious activities are encouraged to use the tip line.

**The Tip Line will be monitored seven days a week, 24 hours a day. All call are anonymous.**

**Do your part to help make our communities safe for everyone.**

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