



Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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Message to Coalition Members:

2021 Adult Perception Survey

Please use the SurveyMonkey link below for the 2021 Adult Perception Survey which will be open through the end of August or longer if deemed necessary. Please take a few minutes to complete this very valuable survey. We provide this survey in order to gain a better understanding of the picture adults see as issues and concerns in our communities. This is an anonymous survey, and we encourage you to share this link with any other contacts you may have in Steuben County.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8C57FSK>



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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CADCA National Mid-Year Conference Participation

The Steuben Prevention Coalition sponsored 6 coalition and community members who participated in the CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Mid-Year Training Conference. These 6 individuals spent 4 days attending 100+ sessions offered by CADCA from top substance use and misuse prevention experts in the field today. These individuals learned innovative strategies that they can now implement within their own communities to aid in the prevention and reduction of substance abuse.

CADCA – Equipping community champions in the substance use and misuse prevention field with impactful research-based resources and strategies that are vital to creating safe, healthy and drug-free communities globally!



<https://www.cadca.org/>

Opioid Committee Report

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August 2021



Beware of Counterfeit Pills Sold on Social Media

The Steuben Prevention Coalition Opioid Committee is warning parents and residents of Steuben County, NY about the uptick in sales of counterfeit pills containing fentanyl on popular social media sites like Snapchat and Tik Tok.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid 100X more potent than morphine. A lethal dose is 2 milligrams, equivalent to a few grains of sand. In comparison, a lethal dose of heroin is 30 milligrams. Fake pills that look identical to the real prescription pharmaceuticals, such as the opioid Hydrocodone, the stimulant Adderall, and the sedative Xanax, are being smuggled into the US by drug cartels in Mexico, India and China. They are also being processed here in America in what's commonly known as pill mills.

Uncontrolled and illegal drug manufacturers (pill mills) do not engage in quality control, hire or scientists or create safe chemical mixtures. Their motives lie in profit alone. In 2019, the DEA estimated that 27% of counterfeit pills contain fentanyl, posing an alarming risk of overdose and death. Unfortunately, they are cheap, easy to produce, easy to smuggle, and are often sold on social media sites to people who think they are buying legitimate pharmaceuticals.

Parents need to be vigilant about their teenager's cyber lives. Engage your teen in frank discussion about the dangers of online drugs, not just common street drugs. Teenagers tend to think prescription drugs are safer. Not so. Check your teen's use of social media apps often and warn them about the potential dangers of fake pills circulating on the internet and dark web. Stay involved in your child's life even when they resist. Below is a chart of emojis used as code for drugs on social media.

OPIOID COMMITTEE



STEUBEN PREVENTION COALITION

Mid-Year Coalition Recognition!

We would like to extend a very special thank you to our active Coalition members and staff who have gone over and above meeting attendance! This participation is greatly needed in order for the Coalition to remain sustainable.

Hilda Lando – A little bit of everything

Stacey O'Dell – A little bit of everything

Julie Camacho & Family – Movie Night

Tara & Dormann Library Crew – Movie Night

Connie Terry – A little bit of everything

Carla Chase – A little bit of everything

Bob Benz – Community Movie Night

Brandon Beuter – A little bit of Everything

Kim Jessup – Pizza Box Messaging

Mike Gabrielli – Pizza Box Messaging

Dan Chapman – Pizza Box Messaging

Steuben County Sheriff's Dept. – Drug Take Back Day & DITEP

NYS Police – DITEP Training

Jeannie Wheeler – Focus Groups

Nancy Reigelsperger – Video production

Hadley Slayton – Video production

Lisa Oliver & CFY Youth – Sticker Shock

Heidi Burns & SADD group – Pizza Box Messaging

Amy Shick & Students – Sticker Shock



Community Movie Night & Prevention Fair

The Steuben Prevention Coalition, in collaboration with the John Southard Youth Recreation Program and the Dormann Library, sponsored a Community Movie Night & Prevention Fair for the residents of Bath on August 2, 2021. Partnering agencies such as AIM (Independent Living), Pro Action, Steuben Council on Addictions and CASA of the Southern Tier provided tables and activities together with the Coalition and the Opioid Committee prior to the movie. Dinner, prizes, fun and games including dancing and hoola hooping as well as treats and popcorn during the movie were all a part of the evening's festivities. This event was made possible through an award from the Edith Saxton/Community Foundation Grant presented to the Steuben Prevention Coalition.



Upcoming Events:

Next Coalition Meeting
 September 8, 2021
 11:00 am – Currently Virtual

**UAD Town Hall Meeting
 Presentation**
Date - TBD
Time - TBD
Location - TBD

Kathi & Chris Sullivan will be returning to our community for an additional presentation to our parents and athletes on the dangers of underage drinking.

<https://www.letsengage.com/talent/kathi-sullivan>



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Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (DITEP)

Held on August 9th & 10th

The Steuben Prevention Coalition sponsored the 2021 DITEP (Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals) in collaboration with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police. The goal is to train education professionals to recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and/or alcohol impairment and is designed to aid in the assessment of students. This year the Steuben Prevention Coalition successfully trained 12 education/prevention professionals and will be holding training again in 2022.



Steuben Prevention Coalition (SPC) is a federal Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant funded program in Steuben County. The "Ounce of Prevention" Newsletter is a regular monthly update of activities of the Coalition relative to alcohol, marijuana and other drug use and abuse prevention.

For more information or to be removed from the newsletter mailing list, please contact Colleen Banik, Program Coordinator at colleen.banik@dor.org or at (607) 776-8085 (temporary number as of 1/2021).



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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