



Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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Message to Coalition Members:



From the Steuben Prevention Coalition

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.

<http://www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org>

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What's Happening

Community Events

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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Recognition Corner



The Steuben Prevention Coalition would like to thank the **Catholic Charities of Steuben's Wellness Committee** for the wonderful and fun Holiday Party held on December 3, 2019. What a great job organizing the food and activities.

Thank you to all of our Coalition members for taking the time to participate in the Coalition Capacity Survey. The results will be reported to you in March of 2020 by Kelli Keck of Epiphany Community Services.



Congratulations and a huge thank you goes out to our recently installed Chairs and Co-Chairs of Committees and Task Forces of the Steuben Prevention Coalition:

Nick Moffe – Marijuana Task Force Chair

Jeannie Wheeler – Marijuana Task Force Co-Chair

Brandon Beuter – Opioid Committee Chair

Hilda Lando – Opioid Committee Co-Chair



Opportunities Available

The Steuben Prevention Coalition has two openings available for individuals looking to join our team.

Program Assistant Steuben Prevention Coalition - Opioid Committee

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

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

PRIMARY FUNCTION: The Program Assistant will be directly responsible for coordinating the daily operations of the Steuben Prevention Coalition Opioid Committee whose purpose is to strengthen collaboration and increase capacity building among communities and reduce substance abuse among youth and adults.

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 to discuss next steps.

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

Recent Events in our Area

Steered Straight: Vaping and Other Teen Drug Trends

The Steuben Prevention Coalition and many other community organizations recently participated in the presentation by Michael DeLeon, founder of Steered Straight, Inc.

For more information visit the website at <https://www.steeredstraight.org>



Tall Cop Says Stop Event

The Steuben Prevention Coalition along with many other agencies including law enforcement, social services, prevention, substance abuse, etc., recently participated in the presentation by Jermaine Galloway founder of Tall Cop Says Stop.

For more information visit the website at <https://www.tallcopsaysstop.com>



Alaska Becomes the 50th State to Report Vaping-Related Lung Injury

Partnership for Drug Free Kids
December 5, 2019

Alaska has become the 50th state to report a case of vaping-related lung injury, according to CNN.

As of November 20, there have been 2,290 cases of vaping-related lung injury linked to vaping, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Until this week, Alaska was the only state with no vaping-related lung injuries reported to the CDC.

Last month, the CDC announced vitamin E acetate is the likely cause of recent vaping-related lung injuries and deaths. Vitamin E acetate was found in the lung fluids of 29 people who became ill after vaping. Vitamin E acetate is sometimes used as an additive on the cannabis black market to increase the amount of THC in vape cartridges.

Trump Softens Support for Ban on Sweet, Fruity E-Cigarette Flavors

President Trump appears to be rethinking his support of a ban on sweet and fruity e-cigarette flavors, The Wall Street Journal reports.

In a meeting last month with vaping industry leaders and public health advocates, Trump said that a ban could lead to people "selling stuff on a street corner that could be horrible. That's the one problem I can't seem to forget. Now instead of having a flavor that's at least safe, they are going to be having a flavor that's poison."

At the meeting, Trump restated his support for raising the minimum age to buy e-cigarettes and other tobacco products from 18 to 21. E-cigarette maker Juul Labs and other tobacco companies also support the increase, the article notes.

For more information on either article go to

<https://drugfree.org/learn/drug-and-alcohol-news/trump-softens-support-for-ban-on-sweet-fruity-e-cigarette-flavors/>



Upcoming Events:

Next Coalition Meeting

January 8, 2020

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

Upcoming Coalition Meeting Presentations:

January 8th – NYS Trooper Jason Klewicki to present on Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (DITEP)

March 11th – Kelli Keck of Epiphany Community Services to present on Coalition Grant Expectations, Action Planning & Capacity and Darlene Smith of Steuben County Public Health to present on OD Mapping

May 13th – Jenna Houghtaling of Finger Lakes Problem Gambling Resource Center



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!

Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season – Catch a Ride!

Every holiday season, hundreds of lives are lost due to drunk drivers. Nationally, over the past 5 years, an average of 300 people died in drunk driving crashes the week between Christmas and New Year. Alcohol-impaired fatalities make up more than a quarter of all crash fatalities. In 2016, 781 people lost their lives in drunk-driving-related crashes in the month of December alone.

Drunk driving is against the law in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. During the Holiday season, law enforcement agencies will increase patrols and drivers will begin seeing a set of ads depicting the consequences of driving drunk.

Americans can reduce the toll of drunk driving this Holiday season, by never drinking and driving, planning a safe ride with a designating a sober driver, or by using NHTSA's SaferRide app to call a taxi or a friend to be picked up. The app is available for [Android devices on Google Play](#), and [Apple devices on the iTunes store](#).



<https://www.transportation.gov/www.transportation.gov/TransportationTuesday/holiday-drunk-driving-facts>

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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