

Mission

**To promote healthy
and safe communities
in Steuben County by
reducing alcohol and
drug use among
youths**

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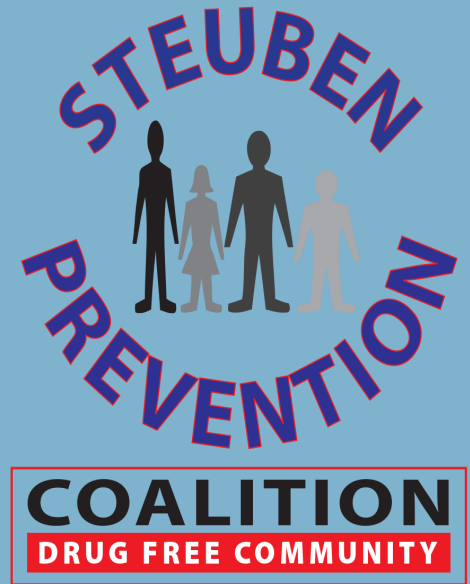
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**Young
lives
matter!**

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VISION

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

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HISTORY

The Steuben Prevention Coalition was originally formed in 1991 to address the ever increasing need to provide education and awareness on substance abuse issues to the residents of Steuben County. The original members included both prevention providers and treatment agencies within Steuben County. Over the years the Coalition has become a coalition of the three prevention providers in Steuben County: Hornell Concern for Youth, Family Service Society in conjunction with the Steuben Council on Addictions and the Director of Steuben County Community Services.

In October of 2013, Steuben County was awarded a five year federal grant and has employed a Drug Free Communities program coordinator to help reduce alcohol and drug use by teenagers. We continue to expand our coalition's membership to include citizens both adult and youth from all sectors from within our county.

What is the Coalition

A coalition is a group of members of a community whose goals are to develop a strategic plan and implement strategies to build capable, competent communities.

COALITION GOALS

- Reduce alcohol and drug use by our youth.
- Promote protective factors that reduce the risk of substance abuse.
- Reduce factors that increase the risk of substance abuse.
- Encourage community dialogue relating to alcohol and drug use.
- Educate parents about what is "really going on" relating to teenage drug and alcohol use.

GET INVOLVED

Community members are invited and encouraged to help take responsibility for making decisions to bring about community level change that will positively affect the youth in our communities.

Community representation will include:

- Parents
- Media
- Youth serving organizations
- Civic & volunteer groups
- Healthcare professionals
- Business community
- Schools
- Law enforcement agencies
- Religious & fraternal organizations
- State and local agencies in the field of substance abuse

What We Are Doing

- Task Forces
 - Underage Drinking
 - Marijuana
- Youth Action Forum is building relationships, raising awareness and developing leadership skills with our County youth.
- Social Host Legislation
 - On February 2, 2015, the Steuben County Social Host Law went into effect.
- Strategic Planning
 - Impact environmental change through the Sticker Shock Program and DITEP Training (Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals).
- Environmental Strategy
 - Reduce underage access to drugs and alcohol at home and in the community.
- Data Collection
 - Collect data using various methods - student surveys, parent surveys, key informant interviews, focus groups and Town Hall meetings.



**PREVENTION
WORKS!**