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Steuben Prevention Coalition & Youth Group Install Drug Free Zone Signs

**Bath, N.Y. — June 26, 2019 —** The Steuben Prevention Coalition (SPC) announced today that with a grant received through The Community Foundation – Edith Saxton Fund, a youth led effort to bring awareness to the Bath Community that our parks and playgrounds are drug free zones, installed “Drug Free Zone” signs in 6 locations.

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Bath-Haverling High School Senior, Evan Czajkowski, who was recruited by the SPC, led the Dana Lyons Girls Group, supervised by Julie Camacho, Prevention Educator for the Steuben Council on Addictions, on a mission to identify areas of concern and need for Drug Free Zone signs. Evan and the Girl’s Group presented their findings and concerns to local Bath officials and a request was made to proceed with the sign installation.

With the cooperation of the Village and Town of Bath officials, the 6 locations identified were Mossy Bank Park, Putleney Square Park, Bath Skatepark, East Morris Street Playground, Fairview Avenue Playground and East Washington Street Playground.

“The Coalition’s goals are to 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 and educate the community about what is “really going on” relating to teenage drug and alcohol use. We are very thankful for and appreciative of the consideration given to the Coalition by The Community Foundation, the efforts of Evan Czajkowski, the Dana Lyons Girl’s Group and the cooperative efforts of the Village and Town of Bath and Bath- Haverling School in allowing our youth to present their concerns and see this vision to completion.” said Colleen Banik, Program Director for the Coalition.

Additional information about the Steuben Prevention Coalition (SPC) can be found on our website at [www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org](http://www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org) or by calling our offices located at 8 East Morris Street, Bath, NY (607) 776-6441 ext. 202.

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