



Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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Message to Coalition Members:



We would like to congratulate Amanda Chafee on her new position in the District Attorney's Office in Binghamton.

Thank you for your dedicated service to the Steuben Prevention Coalition over the years. You will be missed!

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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Children’s ER Visits for Accidental Exposure to Marijuana Rise After Legalization

Partnership to End Addiction
January 2022

A [new study](#) finds significant increases in the frequency and severity of emergency department visits due to marijuana exposures in children in Ontario, Canada, after the legalization of recreational marijuana.

The findings suggest that the introduction of edible marijuana products was a key factor associated with the increase in emergency department visits, the researchers said.

The rise in emergency department visits occurred despite regulations aimed at minimizing unintentional use of marijuana by young people, [UPI](#) reports. The products are required to have plain packaging with warning symbols and must be child resistant.

Canada also placed limits on THC content, implemented marketing restrictions and began consumer education campaigns on marijuana safety. Many U.S. states that legalized recreational marijuana have not taken these steps, noted study author Daniel Myran at The Ottawa Hospital.

“Parents and caregivers can minimize the risk of cannabis exposures by keeping cannabis products in a locked container, away from other food and drinks and out of children’s reach,” Myran said.

For more information, please visit the link below:

https://drugfree.org/drug-and-alcohol-news/childrens-er-visits-for-accidental-exposure-to-marijuana-rise-after-legalization/?utm_source=pns&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=childrens-er-visits

2021 Prevention Needs Assessment Data Results for 30-day use of Alcohol & Marijuana

The Steuben Prevention Coalition administered the 2021 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey in November of 2021 throughout the school districts in Steuben County.

When survey participants in 8th, 10th and 12th grades were asked “if they had ridden with a drinking driver in the past 30 days”, the results indicated that 12.3% of 8th graders had, 10.9% of 10th graders had and 9.3% of 12th graders had.

When survey participants in 8th, 10th and 12th grades were asked “if they had participated in binge drinking in the past 30 days”, the results indicated that 2.9% of 8th graders had, 6.6% of 10th graders had and 14.5% of 12th graders had.

30-day use is a measure of the percentage of students who used the particular substance at least once in the past 30 days prior to taking the survey and is a more sensitive indicator of the level of current use of the substance.

Compare to MTF National Average



▶ Riding w/Drinking Driver

- ▶ 8th grade – 12.3% (CO) vs. 17.8% (MTF) – **5.5% lower than NA**
▶ **2.4% decrease from 2019**
- ▶ 10th grade – 10.9% (CO) vs. 17.8% (MTF) – **6.9% lower than NA**
▶ **5.1% decrease from 2019**
- ▶ 12th grade – 9.3% (CO) vs. 17.8% (MTF) – **8.5% lower than NA**
▶ **4.4% decrease from 2019**



Compare to MTF National Average



▶ Binge Drinking

- ▶ 8th grade – 2.9% (CO) vs. 4.5% (MTF) – **1.6% lower than NA**
▶ **1.5% decrease from 2019**
- ▶ 10th grade – 6.6% (CO) vs. 9.6% (MTF) – **3% lower than NA**
▶ **2.9% decrease from 2019**
- ▶ 12th grade – 14.5% (CO) vs. 16.8% (MTF) – **2.3% lower than NA**
▶ **2.8% decrease from 2019**



Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force holds Underage Drinking Poster Contest

We need your help to get the message out that alcohol is not meant for anyone under 21 years old!

Design a poster for your chance to win and have your poster used in our social media campaigns, community wide posters and more to help prevent underage drinking and to keep youth safe.

The poster must capture one of the following ideas:

- ✚ -Anyone less than 21 years of age should not drink alcohol
- ✚ -It is not legal, safe, or healthy for teens to drink alcohol
- ✚ -Adults should not provide alcohol or a location for teens
- ✚ -Prevention of injuries and death in youth as it relates to alcohol

RULES:

- ✚ Participants must be in 5th-8th grade.
- ✚ Posters can be designed on paper or in an electronic format (if emailing should be sent as a .jpg or .png) and should fit on an 8.5x11 piece of paper.
- ✚ All entries must be free from the use of copyrighted slogans, logos or branding.
- ✚ You may use black and white or color designs. It is best to use colored pencils, pens and markers when drawing on paper. Computer generated poster submissions are allowed.
- ✚ Do not put your name within the design, when submitting, your name should be on the back top left of page and include first and last name, school district, teacher and grade, if you are entering as a part of an afterschool program or youth center, please indicate which program.
- ✚ All entries are due by Friday, March 25, 2022
- ✚ Mail: CCS/L Prevention Services, Attn: Stacey, 23 Liberty Street, Bath, NY 14810
- ✚ Email: Stacey.Wing@dor.org (.jpg, .png files please).
- ✚ Pickup: Teachers/Program collect all posters and contact Stacey at (607) 968-4123 to arrange pickup.

**Black Balloon Day
March 6, 2022**

Opioid Committee – Connie Terry, Program Assistant

Black Balloon Day, held on March 6, 2022, brings awareness to the lives lost to overdose in the United States and all over the world. This international event began on March 6, 2015, in remembrance of Greg Tremblay, a father of four who died of an overdose when he was 38 years old. Black balloons serve as the symbol for the day representing and commemorating all the lives lost to overdose death in each community.

Overdoses are the leading cause of accidental death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Last year, the US surpassed 100,000 overdose deaths, the highest number to date. Nationally, experts blame fentanyl for the sharp rise in overdoses. More people have died from fentanyl overdose than COVID-19, car accidents and suicides making the human cost of the opioid epidemic staggering. Though any drugs can contribute to overdose death, opioid drugs are responsible for most.

In 2021, there were 264 reported overdoses in Steuben County, NY, up from 141 in 2020. Fifteen lives were lost to overdose death, up from nine in 2020. The majority of overdoses in Steuben County were as a result of heroin use with fentanyl overdose being the second highest contributor.

The Steuben Prevention Coalition Opioid Committee is raising awareness and reminds people that the fifteen residents of Steuben County who died from overdose in 2022 were more than numbers. They were fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and friends. Substance use has many costs, and it is important to remember that beyond finances is the loss of life. Together we can all work to prevent substance use and in turn work together to save precious lives and keep families together.

If someone you love is suffering from Opioid Use Disorder or addiction of any kind, please contact Steuben County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.

Steuben County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
(607) 664-2156 Bath
(607) 937-6201 Corning
(607) 324-2438 Hornell



**OPIOID
COMMITTEE**
STEBEN PREVENTION COALITION



Upcoming Events:

Next Coalition Meeting

March 9, 2022

11:00 am – Currently Virtual

UAD & Marijuana Prevention Task Force Meeting

April 13, 2022

2:00 p.m. – Currently Virtual

Opioid Committee Meeting

March 2, 2022

2:00 p.m. – Currently Virtual

UAD & MJ Town Hall Meetings

Date – TBD

Time – TBD

Location - TBD



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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!

**Black Balloon Day – Community Conversation
Please Join Us**



**Impacts of Opioid Overdose:
A Community Conversation**

in honor of Black Balloon Day

Sunday, March 6, 2022

7:00pm-8:00pm



BLACK BALLOON DAY MARCH 6, 2022

Please join us using the link below to hear our guests speak about how the local opioid crises has impacted their lives.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88208128983?pwd=OEFINGJrcFRIMEY2YUdldnFELzhJdz09>



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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).

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.

1-844-378-4847