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STEBEN PREVENTION COALITION HONORED AT CADCA'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

[Bath, New York] – On February 5th, the Steuben Prevention Coalition was one of 112 community coalitions honored during a graduation ceremony at CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) National Leadership Forum, just outside of Washington, D.C. The coalitions received a graduation certificate for completing CADCA's National Coalition Academy, a rigorous training program designed to increase the effectiveness of community drug prevention leaders.

"We are so proud of our coalition for investing the time and resources to take advantage of the best community coalition training in the world. To graduate from this year-long intensive course is no small feat and Steuben Prevention Coalition is more prepared today to be an effective, sustainable coalition because of this training," said Colleen Banik, Program Director. "We look forward to applying our knowledge and strategies to ensure the youth in our community live drug free."

The Coalition is currently working on a Public Service Announcement Video Contest to address the Social Host Law, Café Conversations to address the opioid epidemic with our Youth and a county-wide Youth Retreat focusing on the prevention of underage drinking, marijuana and other drug use as well as prom and graduation season safety awareness events.

CADCA's National Coalition Academy (NCA) is a comprehensive, year-long training program developed by CADCA's National Coalition Institute. The NCA incorporates three, week-long classroom sessions, a web-based distance learning component, an online workstation where participants network and share planning products and free ongoing coalition development technical assistance. To graduate, coalitions must complete a rigorous curriculum. They must participate in all components of the NCA and complete five essential planning products that serve as the foundation of their comprehensive plan for community change.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is a four-day event packed with opportunities to learn the latest strategies to address substance abuse and hear from nationally-known prevention experts, federal administrators, and concerned policymakers. The Forum brings together approximately 3,000 attendees representing coalitions from all regions of the country and internationally, government leaders, youth, prevention specialists, addiction treatment professionals, addiction recovery advocates, researchers, educators, law enforcement professionals, and faith-based leaders. It is the largest training event for the prevention field.

The Steuben Prevention Coalition's mission is to promote healthy and safe communities in Steuben County by reducing alcohol and drug use among our youth.

About CADCA

The mission of CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) is to strengthen the capacity of

community coalitions to create and maintain safe, healthy and drug-free communities globally. This is accomplished by providing coalition development assistance and training, public policy advocacy, special events, media strategies and marketing programs.

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