



## Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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### Message to Coalition Members:



The Steuben Prevention Coalition would like to welcome Mallory Wolverton, Program Assistant for the Steuben Rural Health Network, Institute for Human Services to the Coalition as a volunteer member. We are looking for to working with Mallory!

#### 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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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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## 2019 Adult Perception Survey



The Steuben Prevention Coalition has launched the 2019 Adult Perception Survey as of July 29th.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Survey by following the Survey Monkey link provided below. We circulate this survey in order to gain a better understanding of the picture adults see as issues and concerns in our communities. Our goal this year is to receive 250 responses.

This is an anonymous survey and we encourage you to share this link with any other contacts you may have in Steuben County.

This survey will close at the end of the third week of August.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AdultPerceptionSurvey2019>



## 2019 DITEP Training



On Wednesday, July 24th and Thursday, July 25th, the Steuben Prevention Coalition hosted a Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (DITEP) course at the Public Safety Building in Bath. Administrators and school nurses from Hammondsport, Hornell and Wayland-Cohocton were in attendance as well as members of the Family Service Society of Corning.

The Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP) program was developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) as a result of a 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). The survey was conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and indicated that an estimated 19.5 million Americans (8.2% of the population aged 12 or older) had used an illicit drug during the previous month. Drug abuse, whether it involves controlled substances or the misuse of prescription drugs, has permeated almost every level of society to some degree.

This training is intended to provide school administrators and nurses with a systematic approach to recognizing and evaluating individuals in the academic environment who are abusing and impaired by drugs, both legal and illegal, in order to provide early recognition and intervention. DITEP is derived from the national Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program, a successful law enforcement procedure used to detect drug and alcohol impaired drivers. The methods employed in this training are based on medical and scientific facts. The information is supported by research conducted in both laboratory and field studies. The DEC Program was validated in laboratory by studies conducted at the Johns Hopkins University, and in the field by the Southern California Research Institute.

The training enables attendees to determine, first, whether or not the student is impaired. If it is determined that there is impairment, they will be able to determine whether the impairment is due to a medical problem or is drug related. And finally, if the impairment is drug related, through proven diagnostic procedures, what category or categories of drugs that are likely causing the observed impairment. By providing training to school officials and health care professionals, DITEP enables schools to employ an aggressive evaluation and detection program that will cause drug usage in schools to decline. Consequently, not only will the disruption caused by those abusing drugs be decreased, but also the incidence of those individuals driving to and from schools while impaired by either alcohol or drugs will also be greatly reduced, making our communities and schools a safer place for all.



### Vaping Trends



#### Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Issues Brief: Strategies to Prevent or Reduce Youth Use of Vaping Devices July 2019

Based on the data provided by DFC coalitions in their February and August 2018 progress reports, there are several actions that community coalitions can undertake in order to prevent or reduce youth vaping in their communities:

- Through data-collection and strategic planning, ensure that the coalition’s target substances and strategies align with community needs. Vaporizers are a rapidly emerging substance use trend, and can be used to consume nicotine, marijuana, or other substances in liquid form.
- Educate parents, teachers, and community members about the dangers of vaping. Collaborating on vaping with various sectors helps coalitions distribute information to a wider audience (e.g. via school newsletters, email blasts, and local meetings).
- Youth can provide valuable insight about which advertising, outreach, and education strategies will be most effective with their peers. Empower youth to lead on vaping prevention by involving them in assessment, planning, and implementation of activities.
- Identify local or school policy loopholes that make it difficult to combat vaping in your community. Work to update policies and practices to make sure smoke-free spaces are also vape-free.

See the full report at the link below:

[https://dfcme.ondcp.eop.gov/sites/default/files/resources/FINAL%20DFC%20Issue%20Brief\\_Vaping\\_2019\\_July5.pdf](https://dfcme.ondcp.eop.gov/sites/default/files/resources/FINAL%20DFC%20Issue%20Brief_Vaping_2019_July5.pdf)



### Drug Free Zone Sign Installation Youth Efforts



Left: Evan Czajkowski, Bath-Haverling Senior  
Right: Amanda Chafee, Coalition Chair

The Steuben Prevention Coalition through a grant received from The Community Foundation – Edith Saxton Fund, sponsored a youth led effort to bring awareness to the Bath Community that our parks and playgrounds are drug free zones. “Drug Free Zone” signs were installed in 6 locations.

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 Skate Park, 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.



**Upcoming Events:**

**Next Coalition Meeting**  
**September 11, 2019**  
**11:00 am – Steuben County Sheriff's**

JSYRC Summer Bash  
 August 10, 2019  
 10:30 – 12:00  
 Steuben County Fair Grounds

Strong Kids – Safe Kids Event  
 September 14, 2019  
 12:00 – 4:00  
 Steuben County Fairgrounds

Youth Action Forum  
 Bath-Haverling High School  
 September 24, 2019

Youth Led Café Conversation  
 Corning  
 (TBD)

Underage Drinking Task Force  
 Town Hall Meeting  
 (Fall 2019 – TBD)



**2019 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey**

The Steuben Prevention Coalition will once again be offering the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey to all school districts in Steuben County. This survey will be administered the week of October 21<sup>st</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The Communities That Care (CTC) Risk and Protective Factor Youth Survey (also known as the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey) was designed to measure the need for prevention services among youth in the areas of substance abuse, delinquency, antisocial behavior, and violence. The questions on the survey ask youth about the factors that place them at risk for substance use and other problem behaviors along with the factors that offer them protection from problem behaviors. The survey also inquires about the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATODs) and participation in various antisocial behaviors.

The purpose of this survey is to gather information needed to plan important prevention and intervention programs to combat such problems as alcohol, tobacco, other drug use, and violence in our schools and communities. It also helps schools, districts, counties, regions, and the state judge the effectiveness of current prevention and intervention efforts.

The survey also includes risk and protective factors, which are attitudes, behaviors, and opinions that research has shown to be highly correlated with these health behaviors. The information gained from these surveys will allow prevention planners at all levels to continue to provide comprehensive prevention programs for schools and children.

For further information on the Bach-Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment Survey, please follow the link below:

[http://www.bach-harrison.com/BHResources/PNA/Bach\\_Harrison\\_Youth\\_Survey\\_Overview.pdf](http://www.bach-harrison.com/BHResources/PNA/Bach_Harrison_Youth_Survey_Overview.pdf)

2014 – 2017 PNA Survey Results – Past 30-Day Use  
 MTF – Monitoring the Future – National Average

Substance	Table 5. Percentage of Students Who Used ATODs During The Past 30 Days															
	Grade 8				Grade 10				Grade 12				Total			
	2014	2015	2017	MTF †	2014	2015	2017	MTF †	2015	2017	MTF †	2014	2015	2017	MTF †	
Alcohol	11.2	8.8	8.6	7.3	27.5	19.0	22.9	19.9	38.0	32.5	33.2	18.2	19.7	21.3	19.8	
Cigarettes	4.2	5.3	3.1	2.6	10.8	7.0	7.6	4.9	10.8	8.9	10.5	7.1	7.3	6.6	5.9	
E-Cigarettes	n/a	n/a	7.0	6.2	n/a	n/a	13.2	11.0	n/a	20.3	12.5	n/a	n/a	13.5	9.9	
Chewing Tobacco	4.7	6.3	2.3	2.5	9.7	7.5	7.0	3.5	10.3	8.1	6.6	6.9	7.7	5.9	4.1	
Marijuana	4.5	5.4	4.3	5.4	14.9	11.0	13.2	14.0	19.6	20.5	22.5	9.0	11.0	12.7	13.7	



**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!

**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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