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Steuben Prevention Coalition Hosts Drug Impairment Training Course

Bath, N.Y. — July 14, 2016 — On Wednesday, July 6th and Thursday, July 7th, the Steuben Prevention Coalition (SPC) hosted a Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (DITEP) course at the Public Safety Building in Bath.

“This course will help school nurses and administrators, along with drug and alcohol counselors, to recognize the signs and symptoms of drug use among youth,” said Norman McCumiskey, Program Coordinator for the Coalition. “It will provide them with the tools they need to intervene at a crucial time in the lives of our children.”

Administrators and school nurses from Hornell, Bath, Avoca, Addison, Hammondsport, Wayland-Cohocton, Canisteo-Greenwood, Genesee Valley and Corning-Painted Post school districts were in attendance. Counselors from Snell Farms and Family Service Society also participated.

The training included a discussion and presentation of current drug trends, including synthetic cannabinoids and hallucinogens, and a review of physical assessment signs and symptomatology. NYS Trooper Lee Wigmore, a Drug Recognition Expert credentialed by the New York State Police, was the course’s presenter. Trooper Wigmore was assisted by Trooper Brandon Salyerds.

The SPC is funded by the federal Drug Free Communities program, under the Office of National Drug Control Policy. It is comprised of volunteer professionals from educational, faith-based, law enforcement, health care, and various other sectors who work to prevent and reduce youth substance use in Steuben County.

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