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Steuben Prevention Coalition Receives 5th Year Grant Award

**Bath, N.Y. — July 26, 2017 —** The Steuben Prevention Coalition (SPC) announced today that it has received notification of approval for their 5th year award of the Drug Free Communities Grant program through the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of $125,000.00.

​The Drug Free Communities program (DFC) is a collaborative initiative sponsored by the President’s Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

“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 parents about what is “really going on” relating to teenage drug and alcohol use” said Colleen Banik, Assistant Program Coordinator for the Coalition.

The SPC was originally formed in 1991 to address the ever-increasing need to provide education and awareness on substance abuse issues to the residents of Steuben County and received their first grant award in 2013. The SPC is comprised of volunteer professionals from education, faith-based, law enforcement, health care and various other community sectors who work to bring awareness of teen alcohol and substance abuse.

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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