



Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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Message to Coalition Members:



We Continue Our Call to Action!

This is a reminder to all of our Volunteer/Members that we need to continue on with all of the wonderful and successful efforts that have been achieved to date despite losing our DFC Funding for years 6-10. We will make application again in 2019 and we **WILL** be successful. In the meantime, sustainability from now through 2019 is the new “normal” for all of us as a Coalition. Please reach out to your community organizations and business and enlist their help and support.

Remembering that our **MISSION** is to promote healthy and safe communities in Steuben County by reducing alcohol and drug use among youths, together as a Coalition we will continue to do whatever it takes to continue this mission.

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.

Red Ribbon Week – October 23rd – 31st

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States.

The three components of Red Ribbon Week established by the National Family Partnership (NFP) are:

AWARENESS – NFP provides drug awareness by sponsoring the annual National Red Ribbon Campaign™. Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction cause by drugs in America. In 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

ADVOCACY – NFP is active in bringing the concerns and agenda of America's parents and families to policy makers on a local, state, and national level. Joining NFP enables parents and coalitions to have direct access to our nation's leaders and decision makers.

RESOURCES – Our organization acts as a national clearinghouse of prevention literature. NFP has developed a series of prevention brochures to help educate our Partners with all the latest information on our Universal Campaigns such as: Red Ribbon Campaign, Red Ribbon Certified Schools, Lock Your Meds, and Safe Homes / Safe Parties.



Police Warn Parents About Drugs That Look Like Candy in Advance of Halloween



[Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#)
September 27, 2018

Police in a suburb of Atlanta are warning parents to check their children's Halloween treats, after they confiscated drugs that look like candy.

Officers in Hapeville, Georgia seized pills in the shape of Hello Kitty, Homer Simpson and the Minions from Despicable Me that a child might mistake for sweet and sour candy, [USA Today](#) reports.



"Our concern is these pills look like candy," department officials said. "Small children might ingest these items mistaking them for candy. Teens may see these drugs as less of a danger based on their looks."

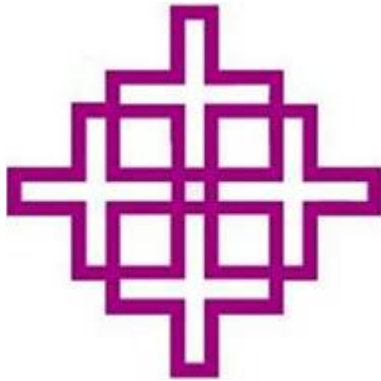
The department said the incident is a good reminder for parents, teachers and coaches to warn children about the dangers of drugs in advance of Halloween, when they are encouraged to take candy from strangers.

An adult should check all Halloween candy before children are allowed to eat their sweets, the department advised.



**Please have a safe and
Happy Halloween!**

Recognition Corner



Catholic Charities of Steuben

The Steuben Prevention Coalition would like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Opelt and Catholic Charities of Steuben for their consideration, support, guidance and thoughtfulness.

Catholic Charities of Steuben is one of the first organizations to acknowledge the importance of the Steuben Prevention Coalition and the work and successes that have been accomplished so far since we received notification that our DFC grant application for years 6-10 was denied.

We offer our sincere appreciation for the support and greatly appreciate the confidence you have shown in us. We truly value the insights and guidance you provide and look forward to continuing the partnership for years to come.



Senate Passes Opioid Package

CADCA
September 19, 2018

Breaking News

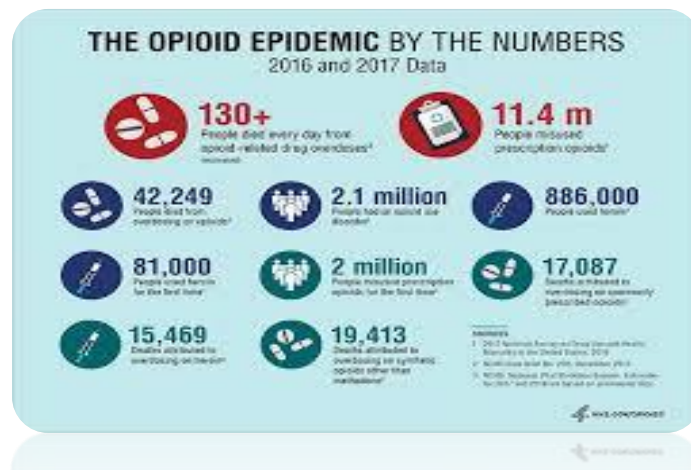


On September 17, 2018, the Senate passed its opioid package of 70 bills, with a 99 to 1 vote. It includes provisions that would advance the research and development of non-addictive painkillers, help prevent synthetic opioids like fentanyl from entering the country's mail system and authorize various grants for prevention treatment and recovery support services.

The Senate bill also includes provisions to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy and its two programs, Drug Free Communities and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

The House passed its opioid package on June 22, 2018.

The House and the Senate will now assign conferees to work together and sort out differences in each chamber's opioid package. Once a final conference bill is ready, both chambers will vote again, then send the bill to the President's desk to be signed into law.



Upcoming Events:

Next Coalition Meeting
November 14, 2018
11:00 am – Steuben County Sheriff's
Building – Bath, NY

Wayland-Cohocton Middle School
 Health Fair
 October 17, 2018
 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 Middle School Gym

COALITION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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More Than 2 Million Teens Have Used Marijuana in an E-Cigarette: Study Shows

Partnership for Drug Free Kids
 September 20, 2018

One of every 11 U.S. high school students says they have used marijuana in an e-cigarette, according to a nationwide survey. That equals more than 2 million teens, [HealthDay](#) reports.

Almost one-third of high school students who use e-cigarettes have vaped marijuana, according to the survey, published in [JAMA Pediatrics](#). The survey included almost 20,700 middle and high school students from public and private schools.

“This high rate of cannabis use in e-cigarettes is a public health concern, because any form of tobacco product use is unsafe among youth, irrespective of whether it’s smoked, smokeless or electronic,” said lead researcher Katrina Trivers of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

https://drugfree.org/learn/drug-and-alcohol-news/more-than-2-million-teens-have-used-marijuana-in-an-e-cigarette-study/?utm_source=pns&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=more-than-2-million-teens-have-used-marijuana-in-an-e-cigarette-study



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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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