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**Steuben Prevention Coalition Receives SAMHSA Stipend Award**

**Bath, N.Y. — March 4, 2019** — The Steuben Prevention Coalition (SPC) announced today that it has received a stipend award through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the amount of \$750.00 to assist in the planning and hosting a 2019 Communities Talk – Town Hall Meeting to Prevent Underage Drinking.

“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. We are very thankful for and appreciative of the consideration given to the Coalition by SAMHSA.” said Colleen Banik, Program Coordinator for the Coalition.

The SPC was originally formed in 1991 to address the ever-increasing need to provide education and awareness on alcohol and substance abuse issues to the residents of Steuben County. 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 relative to 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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