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**Steuben Prevention Coalition partnering on bringing community awareness to current  
drug, concealment and alcohol trends**

*Bath, N.Y. — March 10, 2017* — On Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Steuben Prevention Coalition in partnership with Alfred State College and the Steuben County District Attorney's Office will sponsor a free event aimed at combating drug and alcohol abuse among teenagers. The program is titled "High in Plain Sight: Current drug, concealment and alcohol trends and will be taking place at the Bath Haverling High School Auditorium, 25 Ellas Avenue, Bath, NY.

The entire program event consists of three sessions throughout the day. Community members and parents are encouraged to attend the evening program from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. where Officer Jermaine Galloway, also known as "Tall Cop", will cover alcoholic energy drinks, alcopops, alcohol and drug concealment methods, drug paraphernalia, over-the-counter drugs, e-cigarettes, popular party drugs and more. A teenager's "mock room" will be available at the afternoon and evening sessions. Supervised child care will be provided by the Youth Action Forum group during the community evening session.

Norman McCumiskey, Steuben Prevention Coalition, Program Coordinator, said as a former health educator for 34 years, he has been involved with alcohol and drug prevention all of his adult life, and has attended many workshops and presentations relative to substance abuse, including High In Plain Sight last year.

"This presentation was absolutely the best I have ever attended relative to youth and drugs" he said. "The presenter, Jermaine Galloway, does a tremendous job at showing the audience the current drug that are being abused by today's youth. His knowledge of what is being used, how it is being used and how it is being hidden by youth today is second to none". McCumiskey added that he thinks every adult who has children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews should attend High in Plain Sight.

“You may never again see a program of this caliber” he noted.

Wendy Dresser-Recktenwald, Senior Director of Human Resources and the Center for Community and Education and Training (CCET) at Alfred State, said organizers are confident that no one will be disappointed at the level of expertise Galloway brings to the training.

“If you have kids, even if you don’t think they will ever do drugs, this training is an opportunity for every parent to get state-of-the-art education on a difficult subject” she noted.

The full program details are as follows: March 29, 2017 at the Bath Haverling High School Auditorium - from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. for school personnel, area professionals, educators and prevention providers; from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for law enforcement, probation officers, first responders and fire departments; and from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. for community members and parents.

While it is not required to register for the Community Evening session it is appreciated. To participate, please register with the Center for Community and Education at Alfred State at 607-587-4015 or [coet@alfredstate.edu](mailto:coet@alfredstate.edu)<mailto:ccet@alfredstate.edu> and include their group affiliation to be put in the appropriate session.

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