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Steuben Prevention Coalition to host Youth Retreat in Steuben County

Bath, N.Y. — March 1, 2019 — The Steuben Prevention Coalition after receiving grant funding from the Bath Elks Lodge #1547, along with the Quest Youth Group and the St. John Vianney Parish Youth Group, is hosting a Youth Retreat for ages 12 – 18 in an effort to provide an opportunity for our youth to listen and engage with each other on the issues in our communities and the resources available to them to combat underage drinking, the prevention of marijuana, opioid and other drug use, suicide prevention and educational awareness on the latest vaping and juuling trends. There will be educational sessions, activities, prizes and give-aways throughout the day and the youth are requested to bring their cell phones or tablets with them for use during these activities.

The full day's line up consists of participants from the Bath Elk's Lodge #1547, the Quest Youth Group, the St. John Vianney Parish Youth Group, the Steuben Prevention Coalition, local law enforcement, the Suicide Prevention Coalition, and the Steuben Council on Addictions just to name a few.

Judy McGlynn, Exalted Ruler of the Bath Elks Lodge #1547 who was instrumental in assisting the Coalition obtain grant funding, said “The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of all illegal drugs by all members of society, and we believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children are raised in a drug free environment.”

The first of what we hope will be an annual event will be held on March 23, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the O'Malley Hall of St. Mary's Catholic Church, 32 East Morris Street, Bath, New York.

While it is not required to rsvp for this event, it is appreciated so that we can keep you informed of the details should anything change. Full details are also available on the Steuben Prevention Coalition website at www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org or by contacting the Steuben Prevention Coalition at 607-776-6441 ext. 202 cbanik@dor.org

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