



Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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Message to Coalition Members:



Due to COVID19, the Coalition staff is still being directed to work from home. We have obtained a Zoom Meeting account which we will maintain for the Coalition going forward. We still will **not** be meeting in person for any upcoming meetings, events, etc. until further notice. All Coalition, Task Force and Committee meetings will be held via conference call and at the discretion of the Chairs. Please stay tuned for notifications of upcoming meetings and proper Zoom Meeting information via your regular email communications. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact colleen.banik@dor.org

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.

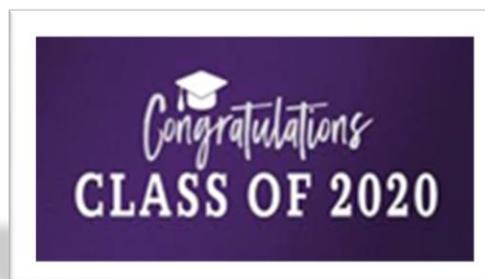
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The Steuben Prevention Coalition would like to congratulate all our 2020 Steuben County Graduates. You have every right to be proud of your accomplishments. Do not let NY on PAUSE over-shadow everything you have done to get where you are. Good luck to all of you on all your future endeavors!



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.

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During COVID19 – NY on PAUSE Help is Still Available



Get Connected & Get HELP

2-1-1 Teen Helpline
Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-346-2211
Text your ZIP Code to 898211
Chat from 211helpline.org/teen-chat

2-1-1 Teen HELPLINE is a service of the Institute for Human Services, Inc.



Mid-Year Coalition Recognition!

We would like to extend a very special thank you to our active Coalition members who have gone over and above meeting attendance! This participation is greatly needed in order for the Coalition to remain sustainable.



Hilda Lando – “A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING” - Training participation, event participation, Legislative Networking, material creation and distribution, dispose rx pack distribution, etc.

Nick Mofte – Marijuana Task Force chairmanship, material distribution, etc.

Susan Hooker – “A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING” - Table tent creation, material creation and distribution, poster contest participation and distribution, etc.

Brandon Beuter – Opioid Committee chairmanship, material distribution, dispose rx pack distribution, survey distribution, etc.

Lisa Oliver – “A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING” – material distribution, Candle Light Virgil organization, Funding Solicitation, etc.

Kyle King – “A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING” – Research, printing, project creations, coalition networking, survey development, Opioid Committee Work Plan development, resource providing, etc.

Bill Rosettie – Researching Marijuana and Underage Drinking and distribution of materials.

Connie Terry – “A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING” - Opioid Committee program assistant, facebook data point creation, opioid response coordination, video messaging coordination, coalition and committee networking, etc.

Krystle Blencowe – Opioid Committee Work Plan Development

Jerry Bennett – Consulting, researching, material distribution, coalition networking, resource providing, etc.



Trophy High Members

-  **Hilda Lando**
-  **Susan Hooker**
-  **Lisa Oliver**
-  **Kyle King**
-  **Connie Terry**

Steuben Prevention Coalition: Teen Drinking/Drug Statistics

Mary Perham
 May 21, 2020

Substance abuse by teenagers in Steuben County shows an increased use of illegal drugs among students 8th and 10th grades and an alarming increase in alcohol abuse, highly caffeinated energy drinks and e-cigarettes, according to the recent survey by the Steuben Prevention Coalition.

While seniors in high school reported less use of alcohol, marijuana and opioids, binge drinking for seniors – and sophomores – throughout the entire Steuben school system is higher than the national average. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks in a 2- hour period for girls and five or more for boys.

“The coalition is and always has advocated for the reduction of substance use among our youth in Steuben County, and it is our goal to allow them to grow up in drug free communities,” said Coalition Coordinator Colleen Banik. “During this current time of crisis, we are increasing our efforts and developing ‘new’ best practices to get the important messages out there that these substances are harmful to the development of our youth physically, mentally and emotionally.”

The survey, completed by 8th, 10th and 12th graders in all school districts from October through November 2019 also shows alcohol, heroin and e-cigarettes use by students in all three grades is higher than the national average, while marijuana use by Steuben eighth graders ranks higher than the national average. The teenagers also believe their peers and parents disapprove of substance abuse, although seniors in high school indicated their friends are less likely to disapprove of marijuana use.

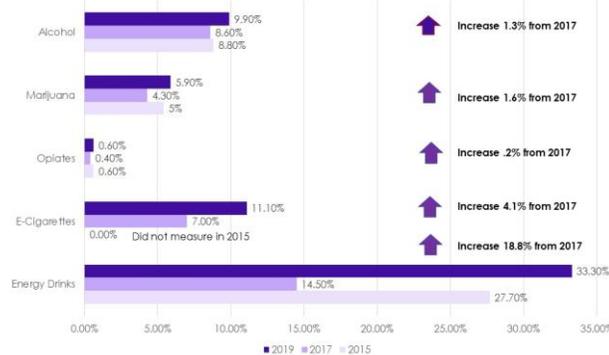
The Coalition and its committees are currently working with several youth, youth groups and youth serving agencies to produce peer to peer video messaging to be used on their social media platforms as well as other, adult-oriented platforms. And the survey serves another purpose, she said. “We want our communities to be aware of the amount of youth who are reporting use of the substances,” she said. “We also need to celebrate our youth who are not abusing substances.”

Participating School Districts

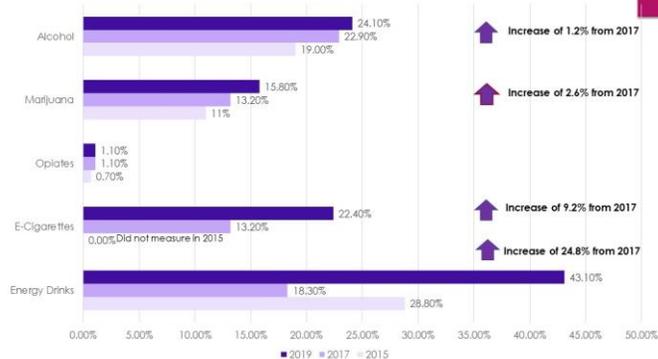


- Addison Central School
- Arkport Central School
- Avoca Central School
- Bradford Central School
- Bath Haverling Central School
- Campbell-Savona Central School
- Canisteo-Greenwood Central School
- Corning-Painted Post Central School
- Hammondport Central School
- Hornell City School District
- Jasper-Troupsburg Central School
- Prattsburgh Central School
- Wayland-Cohocton Central School

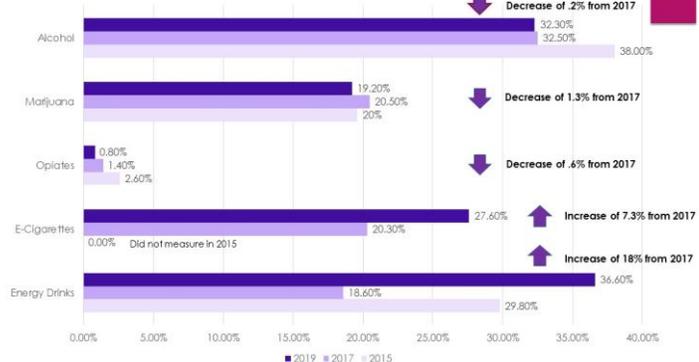
8th Grade Drug Trends



10th Grade Drug Trends



12th Grade Drug Trends



Upcoming Events:**Next Coalition Meeting**

July 8, 2020

11:00 am – Steuben County Sheriff's
Bldg., Bath, NY**Currently will be held via Video
Conference****Conference link information
will be distributed prior to the
meeting****Upcoming Coalition
Meeting Presentations:**

Current scheduled presentations will be postponed until July and a re-evaluation of NY on PAUSE. Thank you all for your patience as we navigate through COVID 19

**MISSION:**

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!

**Additional Coalition Updates
Due to COVID 19**

Unfortunately, all Health Fair and Tabling Event participation by the Steuben Prevention Coalition are still suspended until further notice.

The DITEP Training (Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals) are being considered for late July or early August with dates to be determined upon confirmation with the New York State Police and availability of the Steuben County Sheriff's Office facilities.

TIPS Training (Responsible Alcohol – Training for Intervention Procedures). We are looking into online training and exam taking. More details to come.

2020 Student Focus Groups are being slated for the Fall of this year and possible participation with education professionals through zoom meetings will take place if necessary.

Key Informant interviews will take place via phone or zoom meeting. Please respond to the recent email from your Chairwoman, Amanda Chafee to assist her in accomplishing these interviews. You can reach Amanda at AChafee@SteubenCountyNY.gov.

Currently the Youth Retreat planned for May is being pushed out until the Fall with a new grant application submission date to The Bath Elks Lodge of June 1, 2020.

The Community Youth & Family Movie Night courtesy of the Edith Saxton Grant Fund will still be planned for July or August with the date to be determined after a re-evaluation of NY on PAUSE.

Planning for the Youth Action Forum for late fall of 2020 is still being considered, however, the Youth Action Forum Committee must wait to see how schools will be operating in September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition staff at colleen.banik@dor.org

stay
tuned

**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.

1-844-378-4847