



# 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. See additional updates on page 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [colleen.banik@dor.org](mailto: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.

<http://www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org>

**Steuben Prevention Coalition**  
 8 East Morris Street  
 Bath, NY 14810  
 (607) 776-6441

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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.

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## Opioid Addiction During the Coronavirus Pandemic

What does one do when an epidemic and a pandemic intersect?

People who suffer from opioid use disorder do not fare well when there is a loss of routine, when they are socially isolated, and when they are suffering from economic loss with potential food instability.

Too much time, is not a friend to someone in recovery. Let's face it, most of us don't do well under these circumstances.

Heightened anxiety is a trigger for drug use and isolation is often a trademark of opioid addiction. The coronavirus pandemic has created a situation where there is both. Without in person counseling and support meetings, substance abusers are more likely to relapse. Although advances in telemedicine services and relaxed restrictions on buprenorphine prescribing can help a person with opioid use disorder, this is a risky time.

Please know that help is available in Steuben County, N.Y.

### Steuben County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (SCASAS)

is available for phone counseling services between 8:30AM and 5:00PM weekdays.

**Bath 664-2156**  
**Hornell 324-2483**  
**Corning 937-6201**

The after-hours crisis number is **937-7800**

**Casa Trinity** (provides outpatient and inpatient services)

**86 River Street**  
**Hornell, NY**

**Monday – Thursday 8AM-7PM**  
**Friday – 8AM – 4PM**  
**Call (607) 282-520**

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Opioid Committee

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**NOTICE: Interviews are currently on hold due to COVID19 – Stay At Home**

## Opportunity Available

**The Steuben Prevention Coalition has an opening available for an individual looking to join our team.**

### Clerical Assistant DFC – Steuben Prevention Coalition

#### CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Substance Free Living/Prevention Bath, NY Part-Time  
(17-21 hours a week)

**PRIMARY FUNCTION:** The clerical assistant will assist the Program Coordinator with daily operations of the Steuben Prevention Coalition whole purpose is to strengthen collaboration and increase capacity building among communities and reduce substance abuse among youth.

For a full job description and/or if you are interested in a position, please contact Jackie Andersen at [jacqueline.andersen@dor.org](mailto:jacqueline.andersen@dor.org) to discuss next steps.

<https://www.catholiccharitiessteuben.org/join-our-team/>



Steuben Prevention Coalition  
TIPS Training Certified



Responsible Alcohol –  
Training for Intervention  
Procedures

The Steuben Prevention Coalition is once again TIPS Training Certified for instructing and administering examinations.

We will begin to look at online training via Zoom and online exams upon further information from TIPS. More details to come.

For further information, please contact:

Colleen Banik  
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Steuben Prevention Coalition

(607) 77-6441 ext. 202

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I'm Certified!



## Alcohol Poster Contest – Deadline Extended



Calling all students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade in Steuben County

Due to COVID19, the Alcohol Poster Contest sponsored by the Underage Drinking Task Force has been extended to May 15, 2020. See the flyer below. If you can submit your entries electronically, please do so to [jim.bassage@dor.org](mailto:jim.bassage@dor.org) or [cbanik@dor.org](mailto:cbanik@dor.org). Otherwise please mail them to the Steuben Council on Addictions, 8 East Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810 - Attention: Jim Bassage. The prizes are now subject to change to due COVID19 and will be re-evaluated at the time of the deadline for submission.

### 2020 Steuben County Task Force on Under Age Drinking Countywide Poster Contest

Students in the 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades



#### Rules:

Submit design on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper

Colored pencils, crayons, & paint are all acceptable.

On **back top left** of entry sheet, write in pencil the name(s) of designer(s), teacher name, grade, class room number and school district. Entries may be an *individual* or *class/group* design and you may attach a paragraph describing what the poster means to the designer(s).

#### Poster should capture some of the following ideas:

- Anyone less than 21 years of age should not drink alcohol
- It is not legal, safe, or healthy for teens to drink alcohol
- Parents should not provide alcohol or a location for teens to drink alcohol.
- Prevention of injuries and death in youth as it relates to alcohol

**Entry Deadline (Extended to 5/15/20)**

**Steuben Council on Addictions**

8 E. Morris Street, Bath, New York 14810 Attn: Jim Bassage, Prevention Director

Questions-call (807) 778-8441 ext. 207

#### Countywide Poster Contest- Classroom Prizes:

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</u>
"T" shirt	Pizza Party	Ice Cream Party

*SAD reserves the right to use the winning poster design in Steuben Prevention Coalition and Task Force activities and publications*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Next Coalition Meeting**

May 13, 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 COVID19



**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) announcement will now go out in May and currently will still be held in July 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 will begin to look at online training and exam taking. More details to come.

2020 Student Focus Groups are being slated for the Fall of this year.

Key Informant interviews can take place via phone. Stay tuned for contact from the Coalition staff for assistance in accomplishing these interviews.

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 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 taking place and funding should still be sought. Notice should still go out to the school districts before the close of school in June.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition staff at [colleen.banik@dor.org](mailto:colleen.banik@dor.org)



**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!

**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**