



# Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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### Message to Coalition Members:



The Steuben Prevention Coalition proudly announces that we have received a grant award for \$2,500.00 from The Triangle Fund. This grant award will strongly support our Youth Engagement projects scheduled for this coming fall. Thank you to Pamela Noviello and the Board of Directors at The Triangle Fund for seeing the value in our organization, our projects and helping us to reach our youth engagement and community change goals.

### 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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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.



A special thank you goes out to Lisa Oliver of Hornell Concern for Youth, Mike Foster of Family Services Society, Mark Recktenwald of Bath-Haverling High School and Heidi Burns of Avoca Central School for their coordination and participation in the Sticker Shock Program. 14 retail sales establishments were visited by our coalition volunteer members each with several students and 2,822 "It's Illegal to Provide Alcohol to Minors" stickers were placed on multi-pack cases of beer and stickered entrance and cooler doors.

In addition, we thank the 14 establishments across Steuben County for participating and cooperating with our efforts to reduce youth access to alcohol.



We also would like to take a moment and thank our educators through our partnership with the Steuben Council on Addictions (Barb McCollum, Stacey O'Dell, Stephanie Wilcox and Julie Camacho) for their many efforts in speaking for the Steuben Prevention Coalition on Drug & Alcohol Awareness and presenting our information at events and awareness tables.



## Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)

The Steuben Prevention Coalition held DITEP Training on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Steuben County Sheriff's office with approximately 35 people in attendance.

The Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP) program was developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) as a result of a 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). The survey was conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and indicated that an estimated 19.5 million Americans (8.2% of the population aged 12 or older) had used an illicit drug during the previous month. Drug abuse, whether it involves controlled substances or the misuse of prescription drugs, has permeated almost every level of society to some degree.

This training is intended to provide school administrators and nurses with a systematic approach to recognizing and evaluating individuals in the academic environment who are abusing and impaired by drugs, both legal and illegal, in order to provide early recognition and intervention. DITEP is derived from the national Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program, a successful law enforcement procedure used to detect drug and alcohol impaired drivers. The methods employed in this training are based on medical and scientific facts. The information is supported by research conducted in both laboratory and field studies. The DEC Program was validated in laboratory by studies conducted at the Johns Hopkins University, and in the field by the Southern California Research Institute.

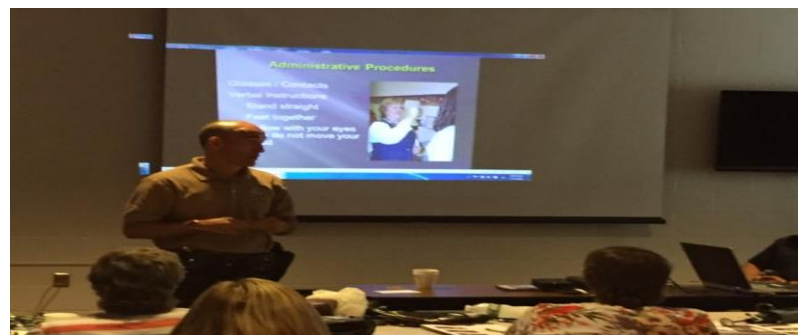
The training will enable attendees to determine, first, whether or not the student is impaired. If it is determined that there is impairment, they will be able to determine whether the impairment is due to a medical problem or is drug related. And finally, if the impairment is drug related, through proven diagnostic procedures, what category or categories of drugs that are likely causing the observed impairment.

By providing training to school officials and health care professionals, DITEP enables schools to employ an aggressive evaluation and detection program that will cause drug usage in schools to decline. Consequently, not only will the disruption caused by those abusing drugs be decreased, but also the incidence of those individuals driving to and from schools while impaired by either alcohol or drugs will also be greatly reduced, making our communities and schools a safer place for all. There are two options for DITEP training, either an 8 or 16 hour course.

### NEW YORK STATE DRUG EVALUATION & CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

## DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT

The training is led by NYS Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) from your local region. (Photo: NYS Trooper Lee Wigmore, DRE Expert 2016 Class)



Norman McCumiskey recently held a one-day abbreviated training course on DITEP for the Steuben County Department of Social Services Staff on July 25, 2018. This event was organized with the Department of Social Services to provide their staff with an awareness of drug impairment and the ever-evolving changes to the drugs available today.

Thank you to Matt Jones of the Steuben County Department of Social Services in cooperation of these efforts.

### 2018 Adult Perception Survey



The Steuben Prevention Coalition has launched the 2018 Adult Perception Survey as of July 16<sup>th</sup>. Please take a few minutes to complete the Survey by following the Survey Monkey link provided below. We circulate this survey in order to gain a better understanding of the picture adults see as issues and concerns in our communities. Our goal this year is to receive 250 responses and to date we have received 170 responses. This is an anonymous survey and we encourage you to share this link with any other contacts you may have in Steuben County.

This survey will close at the end of the third week of August.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AdultPerceptionSurvey2018>



### Marijuana Edibles and Vaporizer Cartridges Growing in Popularity

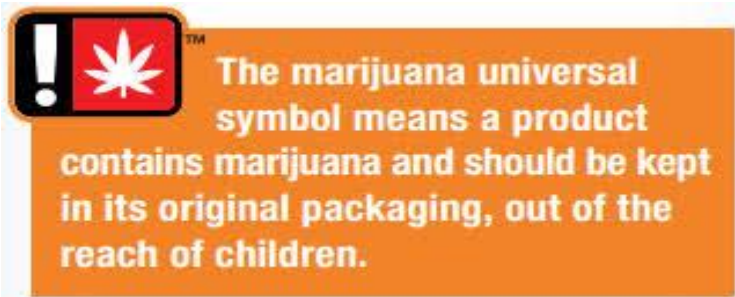
*Partnership for Drug Free Kids*  
July 26, 2018

Marijuana retailers are reporting a trend away from smokable cannabis to other forms, including edibles and vaporizer cartridges, according to [USA Today](#).

Consumers are interested in stronger, healthier or more discreet ways to use marijuana, retailers say. In Colorado, where legal recreational marijuana sales began in 2014, smokable marijuana currently makes up 44 percent of marijuana sales, down from 67 percent four years ago.

Among Colorado adults who consume marijuana, the number who eat or drink cannabis products grew from 35.2 percent in 2016 to 40.4 percent in 2017, according to a [newly released state survey](#).

In Oregon, smokable marijuana decreased from 51 percent to 44 percent in a single year. In California, sales of smokable marijuana dropped 3 percent in just four months this year.



**Upcoming Events:**

**Next Coalition Meeting**  
September 12 11, 2018  
11:00 am – Steuben County Sheriff's  
Building – Bath, NY

Strong Kids – Safe Kids  
Countywide  
September 15, 2018  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Haverling High School

**COALITION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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**Alcohol Leads to Rise in Liver Disease Deaths in Young Adults**

*Partnership For DrugFree Kids*  
July 19, 2018

Fatal liver disease is on the rise in young adults, driven by alcohol consumption, researchers report in a new study.

Between 1999 and 2016, the number of young adults ages 25 to 34 who died annually from alcohol-related liver disease almost tripled, from 259 to 767, the researchers wrote in [BMJ](#).

Study co-author Dr. Neehar Parikh of the University of Michigan Medical School said while the reason for the increase is unclear, it may be related to the global financial crisis. "We hypothesize that there may be a loss of opportunity, and the psychological burden that comes with that may have driven some of those patients to abusive drinking," he said.

The researchers noted that liver disease is often reversible. Many patients can recover if they stop drinking soon enough, they told [NPR](#).



**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.**

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