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Opioid & Suicide Prevention Quarterly Newsletter

Highlighting prevention efforts for Chemung, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca,
Steuben, Wayne, and Yates County.

Volume 3, Issue 1

CHEMUNG

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION OF CHEMUNG COUNTY (DFCC)

The DFCC held its **Open House, sharing its new offices and space for its prevention team** in Elmira on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. Members of the coalition and community partners came out for a tour, refreshments, and conversation about what's happening, what's new, and **the new direction of the Drug Free Chemung Coalition** (see photos). The first steps of the community resource scan were initiated, including gathering partner input on youth/family needs, capturing ideas aligned to the "bucket framework" (see photo), and starting the conversation about the priorities of DFCC.

The **Future's Workgroup shared its comprehensive report of the work done in 2025 to the DFCC at the January meeting.** The report shares issues, data, opportunities, and recommendations.

Participation in **Take Back Day** will take place on April 25, 2026. Youth from the SADD program will assist once again this year.

As the DFCC moves toward more of a youth focus, **an advisory team has been created to help shape and drive the work of youth engagement and empowerment.** This group will meet prior to DFCC meetings and report to the group at large about their findings. They are currently working to bring together a youth advisory board as well.

DFCC continues to provide social media community awareness posts including did you know posts, informational posts, covering community events, and spotlights.



[WEBSITE LINK](#)

STEUBEN

STEUBEN PREVENTION COALITION: OPIOID COMMITTEE

Annually, the Steuben Opioid Committee puts together a report from the yearly workplan and its results and **presents its work and successes to the County Legislature.** A workplan is a great way to track and measure progress, improve planning, and achieve goals more effectively.

As distribution of wall boxes continues in the County, **letters were sent to Bath area restaurants and bars offering wall units and Narcan training** for their employees.

Additional **billboards** with the Fentanyl Kills message will be put up in June of 2026 (see photos below).

Narcan training is continually offered throughout the County. **Upcoming training will take place at the Police Academy Cadet program, Avoca schools, CCE, and Catholic Charities in Chemung.** Six wall units were delivered to the Corning Museum of Glass.

Black Balloon Day, which took place on Friday, March 6th, raises awareness of lives lost to overdose. A social media opportunity was given to community members to pay tribute to those lost to opioid overdose.

In partnership with the Steuben County Sheriff's Office, the opioid committee will be assisting with **National Drug Take Back Day on April 25, 2026** (see flyer).



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SCHUYLER

SUICIDE AWARENESS FOR EVERYONE (S.A.F.E.)

S.A.F.E. discussed the NYS Strategy and Prevention Strategy Plan, looking at the 5 strategic directions. (Note: the plan is being revised and should be available in May for viewing). Amanda attended the statewide training meeting with the NYS coalition and reported to the group that **the plan can be used as a guide and it can be customized according to the goals that are most applicable to you.**

Social media drafts are being prepared to focus on **AI safety by sharing resources and mental health messaging.** During **Mental Health Month (May)**, this will be rolled out with the message that AI companions cannot replace friends, as well as providing resources about whom to talk to. The group has had several discussions about the dangers of AI, and the **social media posts will provide awareness to the community on how to properly use AI and offer resources.**

There is a new **Survivors of Suicide loss support group** that will meet on the second Thursday of the month in Painted Post (see flyer).

Upcoming events include tabling at the **Wellness Village for the NASCAR International** race weekend in Watkins Glen May 8-10, 2026.



[WEBSITE LINK](#)

SENECA

OPIOID OVERDOSE TASK FORCE

The Seneca County Opioid Task Force has a new leader, **Welcome Glenn Smith!**

The **Seneca County Opioid Overdose Task Force** continues to work on Leave Behind kits with law enforcement. They plan on transitioning and working with EMS, who will help with the distribution of kits. The Leave Behind kits contain Narcan, test strips, and other resources.

Youth continue to give presentations **to senior facilities about disposing of medications, Deterra bags, and sharps disposal**; the plan is to make this an ongoing educational series.

The task force will be working on a **Narcan location project** to expand public access to Narcan across the County. Inventory tracking and a master partner contact system will be created for location and quantity. Narcan wall box locations and vending machine locations will be restocked and tracked for refill.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

The Suicide Prevention Task Force supported efforts of the **RISE youth group who created 60 "Make Your Day Brighter" boxes for community awareness for mental health support.** This **youth-led project** has included the design, implementation, and distribution of the boxes, which include tools for starting conversations, educational materials, stickers, pins, and more! (see photos).

The **Credible Mind Platform** has a brand new resource page designed specifically for youth! Check out the link [HERE](#).

Upcoming events include a **Town Hall in May**, which will include presenters, an open conversation for community feedback, and educational resources. More details to come!

Planning for the **3rd annual Seneca County Suicide Prevention walk** is underway! This event will take place on **Sunday, June 7, 2026, starting at noon at the Vista at Sampson State Park** (see attached flyer). There will be a silent auction, guest speakers, food trucks and more! Please save the date and join us!

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YATES

YATES PREVENTION COALITION

In March, the YPC held an evening Meet and Greet to allow for more community members and partners to attend after workday hours. The evening involved networking, an explanation of who YPC is and what they do, and light refreshments (see photos).

The Implementation and Outreach team worked in February, putting together “self-love” kits to distribute throughout the community. This included heart cut-outs for students to write positive messages on.

The suicide prevention committee is working to enhance community awareness about gun safety through the Lock and Talk program. They have visited gun shops throughout the County. They are finalizing a workplan for 2026 with notable action items. The Out of Darkness Walk will take place on October 4, 2026, with registration at 11 AM at Keuka Lake State Park. ASIST free suicide Gatekeeper training will be offered on May 4/5 from 8:30-4:30 at the Yates County Highway building.

The substance use prevention committee’s 2026 focus is to increase community awareness and education, strengthen protective factors and youth resilience, and build and sustain community collaboration. Using JUUL settlement funds, they will conduct a needs assessment to understand vaping behaviors and begin with youth surveys for students in grades 7-12 and parents. They are also working on safe messaging that will be rolled out during prom/graduation time.



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ONTARIO

ONTARIO COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION OF ONTARIO COUNTY

The Ontario County Suicide Prevention Coalition and Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition **have merged into one Mental Health and Wellness Coalition to create greater alignment and incorporate a broader mental health focus**, based also on one of Ontario’s CHA priorities, which is depression. The new name for this coalition is **Hope and Healing Network of Ontario County**.

A **NOISE (Needs, Opportunities, Improvements, Strengths, and Exceptions) analysis** places more emphasis on what can be controlled and improved. Members of the coalition participated in the NOISE analysis at a recent coalition meeting. The results of the analysis will help to provide potential strategy areas for the coalition. The information will also guide coalition priorities and future initiatives

Lock and Talk Medication lock bags, provided by OASAS, were distributed at the recent coalition meeting for members to **distribute throughout the community**. The bags are available to coalition members and community partners for distribution to promote safe medication storage. The medication lock bags contain valuable resources and promote safe medication storage (see photo).

ASIST training will be taking place in April at the Ontario County Training Center. See flyer for details.



Ontario Cares
Suicide Prevention Coalition

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Ontario Cares
Substance Abuse Prevention

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WAYNE COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

The **Wayne County Resource Guide** has been updated. You can find the link [HERE](#).

Mary Beth Dryer from the Upstate Poison Center gave a presentation to the coalition. She **shared about medication safety and advocates for medication lock boxes, keeping all medicines, both prescriptions and over-the-counter, locked in a safe place,** and disposing of expired and unused medication. Good **resources and free educational materials** (downloadable) can be found [HERE](#).

Tina Hicks presented on Wayne County's **Safe Spaces Program**, which provides a welcoming space for youth where youth will be designing what happens in the space (see flyer).

The coalition is using local data from sources such as **211/988, Poison Control, local hospital ED's, 911, coroner's office,** as well as the county's **youth evalumetric's survey** as a guide for **future strategies** focusing on suicide prevention.

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WAYNE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE

The Wayne County Opioid Task Force reviewed data from **ODMAP and the NYSDOH dashboard, which showed a downward trend in opioid numbers** (see article on ODMAP).

At the January meeting, the Treasurer's office reported on available settlement funding. The Task Force worked to brainstorm ideas for each of the subgroups that were developed in 2025. **The compiled results will be worked into SMART goals** and shared at the next quarterly meeting.

The group continues to spread awareness about the **Credible Mind platform**, a one-stop shop mental well-being resource (see flyer).

The Task Force continues to partner with organizations for the housing of **Narcan wallboxes, which contain free Narcan kits.** Upcoming events include Drug Take Back Day on April 25, 2026.

[WEBSITE LINK](#)

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USING OPIOID DATA MAPPING STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN PREVENTION EFFORTS

A Conversation with Stephanie Snyder

I recently sat down with **Stephanie Snyder, a regional technical advisor with the New York National Guard Counterdrug Program** to talk about ODMAPS, Opioid Data Mapping Surveillance. Stephanie is very well versed on the ODMAP platform and stressed the importance of data- as she mentioned, “any data is good data to give you a starting point or some direction.” The data helps identify trends and this can be very helpful to coalitions. Stephanie has assisted various counties in getting them started with ODMAPS.

What kinds of data are entered into ODMAP?

Stephanie: ODMAP is a free national platform that monitors fatal and non fatal overdoses. On the dashboard you can find location, data and time, suspected substances, fatal and nonfatal overdoses and whether Narcan was used. It provides real counts, geographic clustering (so you would know when to do a needs assessment) and spike alerts.

Who is responsible for entering the data into ODMAP?

Stephanie: It can vary; every county is different. When I was helping Seneca County years ago, all the partners gathered to discuss who would be best to do this and the 911 operator was chosen as the best consistent person to do that work. In some counties, EMS, law enforcement or coroners enter the data. In Broome County, they go one step further and have analysts who go through the police reports and keep it up to date. Remember, the data is only as good as what it entered so this role is a very important.

How can ODMAP improve a community's ability to respond to overdose spikes in real time.

Stephanie: The dashboard can alert the point person by sending a spike alert when the number of overdoses go over the threshold. It can also reveal clusters or a high concentration of overdoses within a certain area.

How can the data in ODMAP help Prevention Coalitions?

Stephanie: ODMAP provides real-time data to know when to get Public Narcan boxes out, where to train people, issue warnings, PSA's, provide additional resources and harm reduction response, know where to focus efforts, and guide community action plans.

Where can coalitions enroll in ODMAP if they are not already doing so?

Stephanie: Go to [ODMAP LINK](#) > Agencies > Request link at the bottom of the screen. There are two access levels once you have enrolled. Level 1- participants are granted authority to submit data; Level 2- Viewing only

Any final thoughts on ODMAP?

Stephanie: Yes, not everyone uses the ODMAP platform. This is a **great** tool to help coalitions make smarter decisions and increase their community impact.

A HUGE thank you to Stephanie for taking the time to explain more about ODMAP!
Stephanie can be reached at stephanie6707@gmail.com

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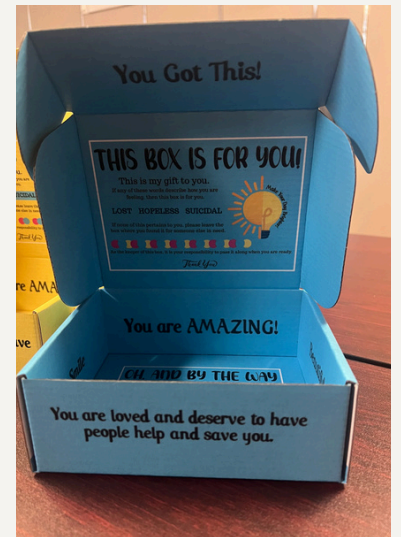
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HAPPENING IN OUR REGION



Chemung County DFCC (Drug Free Community Coalition) held an Open House on February 25, 2026. Members of the coalition and community partners came out to tour the new space!



Seneca County RISE Youth Project in partnership with Seneca County Suicide Prevention Coalition

The RISE kids have been working on Make Your Day Brighter Boxes- a toolkit designed to provide resources and designed to inspire and uplift and empower those who encounter one. The youth created 60 boxes in 3 colors that will hold items such as stress balls, motivational stickers, resources, and information. Recipients can keep the box or just take what they want and leave it at the location for the next person. The students will distributing the boxes and be tracking them to determine use and their effect over the coming months.

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What's HAPPENING IN OUR REGION

Meet and Greet in Yates County

The YPC (Yates Prevention Coalition) held a **Meet and Greet** in the evening of March 18. Partners and community members came out to network, gather resources, and learn more about the YPC. Tables for each of the subcommittees displayed recent work and many resources.

The YPC is offering free ASIST training in May. If interested, please register prior to May 4th.

Check it out Here →

*Yates County
Community Services &
Yates Prevention
Coalition presents:*



ASIST

**Learn the skills.
Help save a life.**

Suicide is preventable.

Anyone can make a difference.

ASIST is a resource for the whole community. It helps people apply suicide first-aid in many settings: with family, friends, co-workers, and teammates, as well as formal caregiving roles. Its widespread use in various communities creates a common language to understand suicide safety issues and communicate across different organizational backgrounds.



Dates: May 4th & 5th

Times: 8:30am-4:30pm, both days

Location:

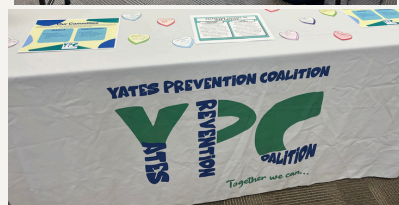
Yates County Highway Building
939 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY

Cost: FREE, but you must register

15 CE credit hours are available-FREE



<https://www.preventsuicideny.org/trainings/>



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What's HAPPENING IN OUR REGION

RESOURCES IN ONTARIO COUNTY

Secure Vape Disposal



Vape pens and electronic cigarettes are products used to deliver e-liquids, ex. nicotine, cannabis and flavorings. Both the products and e-liquids are considered **hazardous wastes** and are prohibited from being disposed of in the trash or recycling.

Do NOT put in the trash or recycling where the batteries can get punctured or crushed.

Do NOT put nicotine-containing e-liquids down the drain.

Do NOT disassemble due to the dangers associated with the batteries and liquids in these devices.

Most devices contain a lithium-ion battery. **Under certain conditions, lithium-ion batteries can catch fire** or explode. Improper handling of lithium-ion batteries is dangerous to you and to the workers and facilities where materials go to for disposal or recycling. For these reasons, **vaping products are not accepted with your household recycling and should never be placed in your household trash.**

In order to prevent fires:

- Avoid damage to the battery.
- Place each individual battery or individual e-cigarette in a separate clear plastic bag that is sealed (ex. Ziploc bag)
- If a battery is smoking, call 9 1 1.

Collected devices should be brought to an Ontario County Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

Visit OntarioCountyRecycles.org and click events to view dates and registration information.



Ontario County
Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management



CredibleMind

Free Mental Health Resources



Public Health
Ontario County, NY



ontariocountyny.crediblemind.com



Learn the skills. Help save a life.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills
- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

ASSIST:

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Dates: April 16 & 17, 2026 (BOTH days)

Times: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm both days

Location: 3019 County Complex Drive, Rm 204
Canandaigua NY 14424

Cost: There is no fee, but you **MUST PREREGISTER**

Space is limited, please register by: April 1, 2026



OASAS
Medication Lock Bags

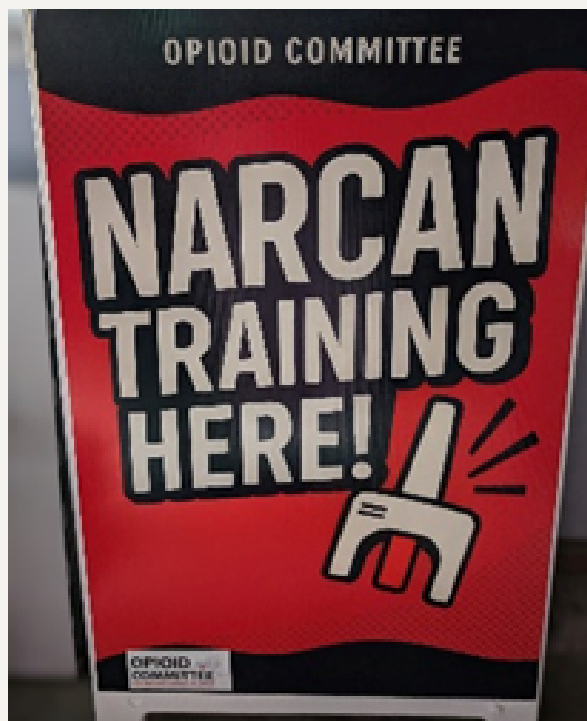
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What's HAPPENING IN OUR REGION

Promoting Awareness in Steuben County



REGIONAL RESOURCES

UPSTATE NEW YORK POISON CENTER

Find Upstate Poison Center's
free materials order form
[HERE](#)

What do you do with expired Narcan?

You can pass it along to an
organization that sends it to low
and no-access communities
across the United States.
Find more about it [HERE](#).



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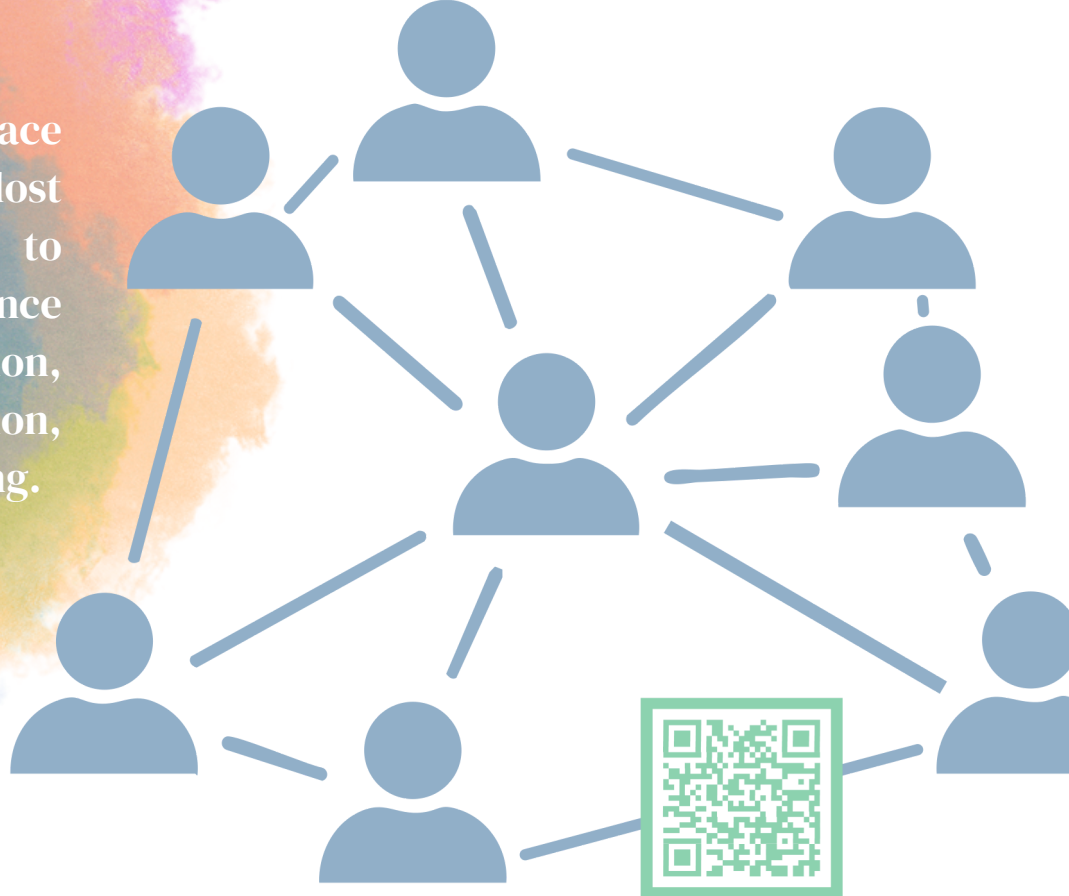
The annual **Toolkit** released by
Mental Health America in
preparation for Mental Health
month in May can be found
[HERE](#)

UPSTATE NEW YORK POISON CENTER

National Poison Prevention Week
March 15-21
[Link to Toolkit](#)

An article highlighting a
progressive and effective
treatment program in Syracuse,
NY
Check it out
[HERE](#)

A safe, compassionate space for individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide to gather in shared experience for comfort, connection, peer-led conversation, support, and understanding.



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Meets Second Thursday Every Month

CareFirstNY | 3805 Meads Creek Rd.

Painted Post, NY

10AM-11:30AM

FREE to Attend | Drop-In Format

Open to anyone age 18+

Questions?

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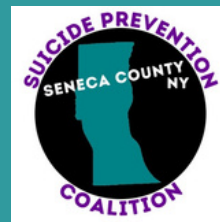
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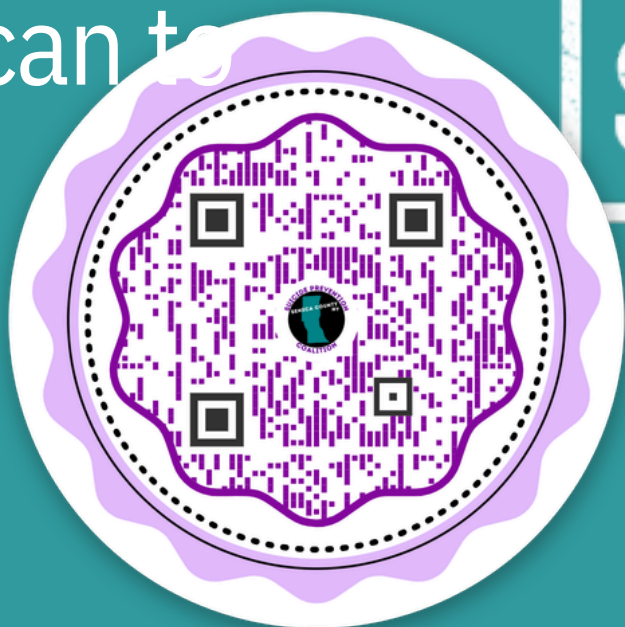
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in the heart of the Finger Lakes

Suicide Awareness Walk

Scan to



SAVE THE DATE

DONATE OR

Create a

TEAM

Sunday, June 7, 2026 12 pm



Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 25, 2026
10am-2pm

Steuben County Public Safety Building
7007 Rumsey Street Extension, Bath NY



*Keep them safe.
Clean them out.
Take them back.*



PROTECT YOUR WORKPLACE

Save Lives

Why Act Now?

Opioid overdose can happen anywhere—even at work. Bathrooms, parking lots, and break rooms are common locations. Quick Action can mean the difference between life and death.

Narcan® saves lives.

It reverses opioid overdoses by restoring breathing and consciousness. It's safe, effective, and easy to use. The US Surgeon General recommends making Narcan® widely available, including in workplaces.

WHAT WE PROVIDE – FREE:

- Narcan Kits
- Emergency Wall Units (holds 3 boxes of Naloxone)
- Staff training to recognize and respond to overdoses

BENEFITS TO YOUR BUSINESS:

- **Reduce Risk and Liability** – Protected under the NYS 911 Good Samaritan Law
- **Enhance Workplace Safety** – Employees feel prepared and confident.
- **Show Leadership and Responsibility** – Customers and staff value businesses that care.



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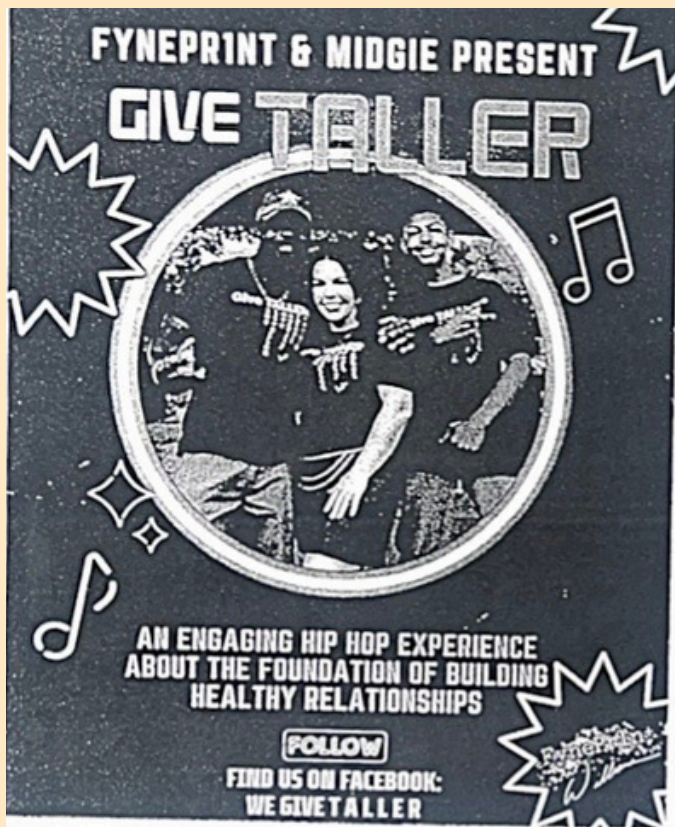
Together, we can make the workplace safer and save lives.

GIVE TALLER

Training Opportunity:
Monday April 27, 2026
Hobart and William Smith Colleges

For Information contact:

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Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Center TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Give TALLER

Presenter: Fyneprint Williams
GiveTALLERbooking@gmail.com

DATE: April 27th 2026

TIME: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

COST: \$0, pre-registration required
Limited to 50 participants

Content: The Give TALLER message has been delivered at school assemblies, youth summits, Overdose Awareness Day events, and more. Fyneprint Williams has been recognized locally by the Alliance for Better Communities and the Jefferson County Youth Bureau for this commitment to encouraging and empowering the youth. He and his team will discuss the elements of Give TALLER and use hip hop as a tool for expression and personal empowerment. The Give TALLER presentation is interactive and engaging.

Registration Deadline: April 20th, 2026

Training Location
Hobart William Smith Colleges – Bartlett Theater
252 Pulteney St, Geneva, NY 14456

Newark NY



Safe Spaces at the Alex Eligh Community Center



By Youth. For Youth. With Community Support.

What Is the Safe Space Program

The Safe Space Program provides inclusive, welcoming environments where youth and young adults feel heard, respected, and supported. These spaces promote emotional safety, peer connection, and belonging—allowing participants to express themselves openly without fear of judgment or discrimination.

Youth Voice at the Center

A key part of this program is the creation of a Youth Advisory Board. Youth leadership and lived experience are essential to building a program that is relevant and meaningful. Board members will help guide program development, share feedback, and shape how Safe Spaces grow and serve young people.

The Importance of School Referrals

Schools, counselors, and educators play a vital role in connecting youth to Safe Spaces. Referrals help ensure students who may benefit from additional support, peer connection, or a safe environment are aware of and able to access this program. Safe Spaces complement existing school-based supports and strengthen students' sense of belonging and well-being.

Get Involved

- Youth & young adults are invited to join
- Schools and counselors are encouraged to refer and partner

Your voice matters!



If interested email
thicks@delphirise.org



WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 2026 COMMUNITY TRAININGS

FREE suicide prevention trainings scheduled for Wayne County in 2026.

Additional trainings can be scheduled upon request.

an additional registration link will be sent for Adult Mental Health First Aid and Link to HOPE

Adult



Mental Health
FIRST AID

**ADULT MENTAL
HEALTH FIRST AID**

FEBRUARY 9TH
8:30AM - 5PM
IN-PERSON

REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/wtAwrQBfUBKJPJuts6>



**American
Foundation
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**IT'S REAL: TEENS &
MENTAL HEALTH**

APRIL 20TH
3:30PM - 4:30PM
VIRTUAL

****For teens 14 - 18**



**American
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for Suicide
Prevention**

**MORE THAN SAD
(PARENTS)**

JUNE 8TH
5PM - 6:30PM
VIRTUAL



LINK TO HOPE

AUGUST 6TH
4PM - 5:30PM
HYBRID

QUESTIONS

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SAVES
LIVES**
An Introduction to
Suicide Prevention

TALK SAVES LIVES

OCTOBER 8TH
8:30AM-10AM
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**ADULT MENTAL
HEALTH FIRST AID**

NOVEMBER 16TH
8:30AM - 5PM
IN-PERSON