

# Coalition Corner

## Celebrating Successes Across Our Region

Join us in celebrating exciting accomplishments and milestones from coalitions across the Finger Lakes region.

- ◆ Congratulations to Luke Moody, Chair of the Veterans Coalition of the Finger Lakes, on becoming a certified TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) Trainer. This nationally recognized certification expands local capacity to provide responsible beverage service training and supports efforts to prevent underage drinking and alcohol-related harms.
- ◆ The Partnership for Ontario County's Veterans Coalition has secured a vehicle (currently under contract) that will provide transportation for veterans to pro-social activities, events, and community outings. This important resource will help reduce isolation and increase opportunities for connection and engagement.
- ◆ Congratulations to four regional coalitions that were recently awarded Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grants: Rush-Henrietta Community Health and Safety Coalition; Seneca County Opioid Overdose Prevention Coalition; Hope & Healing Network of Ontario County; and Uplift Irondequoit Coalition. These highly competitive federal awards will strengthen local prevention efforts and support healthier, safer communities for years to come.
- ◆ The Rush-Henrietta Community Health and Safety Coalition also received a SAMHSA Town Hall Meeting Grant, creating opportunities for residents to engage in important conversations about substance use prevention and community solutions.
- ◆ Welcome to new coalition leaders: Lynn Rotz has joined the Seneca County Opioid Overdose Prevention Coalition as its new coordinator, and Austin Davis has joined the Uplift Irondequoit Coalition as its new coordinator.

 *Thank you to all our coalition partners for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to building healthier communities across the Finger Lakes region. Your successes demonstrate the power of collaboration and the positive impact prevention efforts can have throughout our communities.*

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**Have a coalition success story to share?**  
**We would love to highlight your achievements in a future Coalition Corner feature!**