



We've all heard the expression "It takes a village to raise a child." At the RADAR Coalition, we're applying that approach to drug abuse prevention.

The Rensselaer County Heroin Coalition

As a coalition, we are working to take back our community from the affliction of opioid addiction by educating and raising public awareness through multiple means and venues, forming a multi-layered shield for the purpose of prevention, treatment and recovery. We are comprised of four subgroups: Community Education, Harm Reduction, Law Enforcement and a Medical approach. The Rensselaer County Heroin Coalition aims to reach out to educate the public and enhance communication between our community members and partners.

Our coalition meets every 6 weeks.

To be added to our listserv and kept up to date on our meeting times, locations and dates, please contact ngaudin@rensko.com

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Rensselaer Area Drug Awareness Reality (RADAR) Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting a safe and healthy, drug-free community in the City of Rensselaer. We're working to bring together a wide range of community partners to prevent substance abuse by raising awareness and providing education. The RADAR Coalition's vision is for the City of Rensselaer youth to live substance free.

Preventing underage use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) *Community members working for change among family and friends *Enhancing quality of life for Rensselaer-area youth

History

At the RADAR Coalition, we know that comprehensive community action is the answer to preventing underage drinking and drug abuse. That's why we founded the Rensselaer Area Drug Awareness Reality Coalition in the spring of 2015. Formed by a partnership between concerned community members and the Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health, our group is working to reduce substance use among youth in the City of Rensselaer and the region.

Because we are a community organization made up of members of our local Rensselaer community, the RADAR Coalition is uniquely poised to meet the specific substance abuse prevention needs in our area. Our members and supporting partner organizations include local public schools, law enforcement, youth organizations, businesses, faith communities, and families, making us accessible, in-touch, and ready to provide personal solutions for Rensselaer's particular drug prevention needs.

Goals

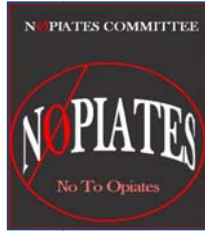
The Rensselaer Area Drug Awareness Reality Coalition has monthly meetings, holds seminars, distributes flyers, and connects people to resources, all with the following goals in mind. We are here to: Identify attitudes and perceptions surrounding underage use of ATOD within Rensselaer. Educate the community and increase awareness of the dangers associated with ATOD. Those who choose to use may compromise their learning, endanger their health, and, ultimately, risk their lives. Support the schools, businesses, and agencies of the city by providing resources and assistance for drug and alcohol prevention. Enhance the quality of life of Rensselaer youth.

Please join us at our next meeting: Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 at our North End Fire Station located at 2 St. Francis Place, Rensselaer 12144

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COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE CIVIL OPERATIONS

This organization is dedicated to raising community awareness regarding opiates, substance abuse and addiction, in addition to providing support and service to those fighting the disease of addiction. As well as organizing events that provides education that focuses on prevention of substance abuse disorders and to remember those who have been lost to the disease of addiction.

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**Please join us at our next meeting:
Monday, March 27th at 6pm at the Trinity
Lutheran Church in West Sand Lake**

This meeting will focus on how parents can talk with their teens and children about drinking and drug abuse.

MISSION: Civil Operations Specialists will coordinate statewide anti-drug prevention efforts with NY State's Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) Prevention Resource Centers (PRC's), Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA's), local coalitions, planning teams, state organizations and other stakeholders to develop a consolidated plan for targeting drug use/abuse in the Community Opportunity Reinvestment (CORE) neighborhoods outlined by Governor Cuomo.

The National Guard Civil Operations Specialists will work to:

- Enhance communication and data sharing between law enforcement and coalitions
- Increase community's capacity to identify needs and address them
- Increase quality of support for effective alcohol and drug use and abuse prevention strategies
- Become a force multiplier within the state and federal prevention system
- Reduce rates of substance abuse and demand for those particular neighborhoods

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Located in the home of Uncle Sam, the Troy Drug Free Community Coalition convenes diverse community sectors to prevent substance abuse among our youth specifically for our middle and high school students. We work towards the vision of creating a healthier, safer and more prosperous Troy by implementing evidence-based environmental strategies that are proven to reduce substance abuse among our youth. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Hosting community forums on marijuana, heroin and prescription drugs, synthetics and underage drinking
- DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Days collecting over 1000 lbs. of prescription drugs
- Sponsored evidence-based parenting classes including Active Parenting Now and Active Parenting Teens throughout the city
- Supported Student Assistant Counselor by providing evidence-based programs for classroom presentation
- Provided coalition members including high school students with various prevention training opportunities
- Hosted a roundtable discussion on prevention needs with Congressman Paul Tonko
- Hosted NARCAN Training for 50 community members
- Participated in various positive alternative for youth programs
- Secured \$625,000 Drug Free Community Support Grant for youth substance abuse prevention.

We meet every 4th Monday each month

Please join us: March 27th at 6pm

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The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York has partnered with additional local groups to present programs featuring Michael Nerney in Plattsburgh through their Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County, Mohawk Valley Community College with the Oneida County Sheriff, Massena High School Freshman Academy, and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Prevention Program. Two more presentations were conducted with the Broome Opioid Abuse Council and the Jefferson County Community College in December.

Community showings of the 47-minute film, "Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict," a United States Department of Justice sponsored documentary, are scheduled in each of these areas as a follow-up meeting and discussion. All colleges and universities in the Capital Area plan to show it on their campuses in March. The purpose of bringing communities together on opiate addiction is to –

- **create** an urgent **awareness** of the opiate/heroin epidemic,
- **start** the **discussions** people need to have on the issue,
- **alter the stigma** of addiction by bringing it into the open,
- **stress** that **prevention is essential**,
- **declare** that **recovery is possible**, and
- **build unity** in addressing the opiate/heroin epidemic.

For further information on how to schedule a "Chasing the Dragon" documentary showing in your community, call the U.S. Attorney's Office at 518-431-0247 or email the people below:

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