

Current Healthy Campus & Community Initiatives:

A multi-media **Social Norms campaign** will begin this Spring, designed to challenge the dominant narrative that “everybody parties,” with images of students enjoying healthy activities on campus and in the community.

More than 75 college staff and students have been trained in **Motivational Interviewing**, a non-judgmental approach to holding conversations about substance use with students and friends.

A work group is beginning to develop a support program for **students in recovery** from substance use and mental health challenges as well as students who choose a substance-free lifestyle.

The coalition is beginning the process of looking at **sustainability** beyond June 2022 when our current NYS Environmental Prevention grant ends.

More students are getting involved in the Healthy Campus and Community Coalition, as are community members. We look forward to organizing **outdoor campus and village activities** to welcome students to the coming Fall semester.

Our AOD Interns have developed a long list of “**Things to Do in Western NY**” to encourage students to get out of the dorms and into the community and surrounding places of interest and recreation, from Buffalo to Rochester and everywhere in-between.



Upcoming Events

Cannabis Legalization:

Cannabis (Marijuana) is almost certain to become legal in NY State this year. What will this look like from a community perspective? How will sales be regulated? Will towns and villages have a choice whether to allow dispensaries and cafes to open? There are many questions and perspectives, and much that we can learn from the experiences of other states. Here are two events at which you can learn more about it:

March 3rd, 9:00 am

SAM-NY Press Conference and Virtual Summit

Smart Approaches to Marijuana is a national organization founded by former Congressman Patrick Kennedy and Kevin Sabet, PhD. former advisor to presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama, that examines and promotes sensible policies around cannabis legalization. Learn about cutting-edge research on the effects of different policies on public health and safety. For details and free tickets, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sam-new-york-virtual-summit-tickets-141036410701>

March 5th, 10 to 12

The Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Center presents a **Listening Session and Discussion on Marijuana**.

This is an opportunity for folks in Livingston and Monroe Counties to hear about and discuss risks associated with cannabis as well as the impact legalization will have on local communities and discuss ways you can support prevention efforts that promote health and mitigate community risk. There will be speakers and elected officials in attendance.

To register, email Irene Lawrence:

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The Geneseo Healthy Campus and Community Coalition (Hc3) is a partnership between all sectors of the college, village and town, including college faculty, staff and students, community members and other stakeholders. Our purpose is to work together to reduce high-risk alcohol and other drug use, and to create a connected, healthy and inclusive community.

Next Coalition Meeting: Wednesday March 17th at 1:00. To join us, email: rlivy@geneseo.edu