



SCCUDD'S HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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Schuyler County, NY



Who we are

The Schuyler County Coalition on Underage Drinking and Drugs (SCCUDD) is a group of dedicated community members, businesses, and agencies.

Our Vision

A connected community where our youth have education, resources, and drug-free options to help their journey to become happy, healthy adults.

2006

Schuyler County Commission on Underage Drinking (SCCUD) was founded after:

- Photos of an underage drinking party were posted to social media, causing the football team to have to forfeit an important game.
- A mother was arrested locally for purchasing a car-trunk full of alcohol for her children and their friends.
- Underage drinking was identified as the #1 health concern of residents during the 2006 community health assessment due to higher rates of youth unintentional injury and death (2x NYS rate), youth DWI arrests (2x NYS rate), youth alcohol-related probation (3x NYS rate), and high rates of youth injured in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents.



2006-2012

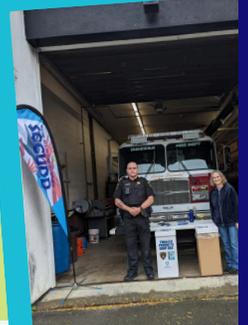
SCCUD focused on reducing underage drinking and supported initiatives like:

- The DA letter to graduating seniors' parents about hosting laws.
- Sheriff-provided retailer trainings on age proofing.
- A beer garden at the Italian American Festival.
- The Parents Who Host, Lose the Most campaign.



2012-2014

- Awarded the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Mentoring Grant to partner with another county's DFC Coalition to help strengthen SCCUD's capacity and build skills among coalition members.
- Name updated to the Schuyler County Coalition on Underage Drinking and Drugs (SCCUDD) and focus expanded to all underage drug use.
- First Schuyler County Youth Survey completed with local school districts.

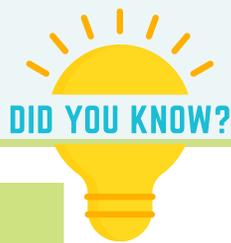




2014-2024

SCCUDD was awarded the DFC Support Program Grant in 2014 and received a second and final award in 2019. Thanks in part to the grant, the coalition was able to support the following initiatives:

- Social Host Ordinance covering alcohol and other drugs passed.
- Party patrols during events likely to have more underage drinking and drug use.
- Beer gardens at community festivals to reduce youth access to alcohol.
- Smoke-free multiunit housing (3) and tobacco-free outdoor (1) policies.
- National Drug Take Back Day events including medication safety and tobacco cessation information. Tobacco product take back is also available.
- Improved data collection through tools like ODMAP, point of sale surveys, focus groups, and community surveys to get a better picture of drug use locally.
- Founded the Schuyler Teens against Alcohol, Nicotine & other Drugs (STAND).
- Community forums on topics like emerging drug concerns and other outreach.
- Prevention Post-Up and Sticker Shock initiatives to discourage adults from supplying alcohol to youth.
- Drug-free activities for youth, like movie nights and placemats at restaurants.
- Distributing at-home drug deactivation packets to the community.
- Naloxone training for first responders and community members.
- Over-the-counter medication safety training for children, teens, and adults.
- Community education campaigns on topics like the social host law, risks of underage drinking and other drug use, the Tip Line, and safe-server trainings.



DID YOU KNOW?

Use of drugs among students in 9th - 12th grade has **decreased** across the board for the most commonly used drugs.

Alcohol	Tobacco
-76%	-80%
Marijuana	
-63%	
Vaping	Rx use
-50%	-70%

1,800+ pounds

of prescription drugs collected by the Sheriff's Office through take-back events and drop boxes, removing the risk of unintended poisonings or drugs being misused

85% more

alcohol retailers passing compliance checks and not selling alcohol to minors

