

# Community Partnership

The Herkimer County Prevention Council formed the “Community Partnership Coalition” on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Partnership’s purpose is to bring members together to address issues impacting our community and to facilitate change surrounding but not limited to substance abuse in Herkimer County. The coalition is comprised of local law enforcement, school /college administration, media, youth, and local human service agencies. The Partnership was first formed to address the very serious issue of “synthetic drugs” in our county. Working with local law enforcement, legislators, and community leaders, the Partnership was successful in educating the county about the dangers of using synthetic drugs and their long term effects on the body. The Community Partnership continues to grow in members every year and the following agencies are represented:

*Catholic Charities of Herkimer County*  
*Community Dispute Resolution Center*  
*Dolgeville Central School District*  
*Dolgeville Police Dept.*  
*Frankfort Central School District*  
*Frankfort Village/Town Police Dept.*  
*Herkimer College*  
*Herkimer County Prevention Council*  
*Herkimer County Community Volunteer*  
*Herkimer County Sherriff’s Dept.*  
*Herkimer County Domestic Violence Program*  
*Herkimer/ Mohawk Police Dept.*  
*Herkimer County Youth Bureau*  
*Herkimer County Integrated Planning*  
*Herkimer/Oneida County Comprehensive Planning Program*  
*Herkimer County Mental Health*  
*Herkimer County Probation*  
*Herkimer County Health Net*  
*Little Falls Hospital*  
*Mohawk Valley Community Action*  
*New York State National Guard/Counter Drug Task Force*  
*Poland Central School District*  
*Prevention Resource Center*  
*Runaway and Homeless Youth Program*  
*TownSquare Media*  
*Upstate Poison Center*  
*Youth Representative / Herkimer Central School*

The Community Partnerships current focus is Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse. The members have been working for the past two years to give community members sites where they can dispose of their unwanted or expired prescription medications so that prescriptions drugs are not so accessible. This campaign has been very successful- local police departments have collected hundreds of prescriptions. *If you would like to know more about the Community Partnership Coalition or would like to become a member please contact Maureen Petrie @ 894-9917 ext 244-*