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STATEWIDE WEBINAR ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE EVERYONE HAS A ROLE IN PREVENTING IT

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE: NOT WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

Albany, New York – United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian will be hosting an educational webinar on prescription drug abuse this Friday, September 28, from 1 - 2 PM. Parents, educators, school nurses, counselors, law enforcement, community leaders and more are invited to register to participate in this free webinar. To register go to <u>www.justice.gov/usao/nyn</u> or click on this hot link: **Click Here to Register**

This state-wide educational webinar is being broadcast through the generous support of the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Many federal, state and local agencies also lend their support (see logos above). The primary focus of the webinar is to educate communities, schools and agencies about the dangers of abusing prescription and over-the-counter medicines, while providing viewers with the tools and strategies to address prescription drug abuse. Joining U.S. Attorney Hartunian will be Steve Hanson, Associate Commissioner, Division of Treatment and Practice Innovation, NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Chief Timmy Currier, Police Chief, Massena, NY, and John Duncan, Executive Assistant United States Attorney. Viewers will learn of the epidemic proportions by which this drug abuse is growing, along with the types of drugs being abused. Chief Currier will explain an innovative and collaborative approach Massena is taking to curb this abuse. Other communities may use their example and develop their own coordinated approaches. Finally, steps to take and available resources will be described so that everyone participating will be armed and ready to stop prescription drug abuse.

Can't participate in the live webinar? Don't worry, you can register to get the recording of the webinar that you can watch anytime and share with others.

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