

Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association is promoting TIPS

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TIPS, Training for Intervention Procedures, a nationally recognized program, was promoted this fall by BRiDGES, STOP-DWI and the Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association to establishments throughout Madison County. The training was offered at no charge to participants.

The focus of TIPS is on responsible vending related to alcohol, whether at a bar, restaurant or a store selling alcohol. Using video presentations, discussions, simulations, and role playing exercises, TIPS Training provides real-life information about the effects of alcohol and empowers employees with the knowledge and skills they need to recognize signs of intoxication, intervene more quickly and assuredly in potential problem situations and spot underage drinkers and prevent sales to minors.

Steve Davis, a concerned parent from the community and an active member of the Madison County's Promise Drug Free Task Force, volunteered to be trained in Buffalo over the summer to deliver the program. The first TIPS training was held on Oct. 22, and was attended by owners and servers from The Corral in Morrisville and Kannon Valley Country Club in Oneida.

The next class is scheduled for Nov. 29 and registrations will be accepted through Monday, November 26. There is no cost to take the course.