



For Immediate Release

Wake Up Call Life-Size Exhibit and Special Presentation Teen Bedroom Can Hide Signs of Drug & Alcohol Use

Ripon, WI – On Wednesday, April 25, 2018 a special Wake Up Call presentation will take place at Ripon High School from **6:30-8:00 PM**. A resource fair will take place before the event from **5:45-6:30 PM**. The presentation includes a unique life-size exhibit of a teen's bedroom with more than 20 "red flags" that can signal drug or alcohol use. This educational opportunity is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the [Ripon Area School District](#), [Your Choice to Live, Inc.](#) and [Rosecrance](#) with sponsorship provided by Agnesian Healthcare-a member of SSM, Ripon College, and the First Congregational Church of Ripon-United Church of Christ. Domino's Pizza in Ripon is providing FREE pizza, Downtown Market Fresh is providing beverages, Webster's Marketplace is providing deli salads and chips, and Culvers in Ripon is donating fresh frozen custard tokens to 225 event attendees beginning at 5:45pm. Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County and its student lead group, Students Taking Action Against Negative Decisions (STAAND), are also supporting this event.

"Our goal is to educate parents and other adults who are influential in the lives of youth so they know what seemingly innocent items can actually be an indication of substance abuse," says Sandi Lybert, founder of Your Choice and Wake Up Call presenter.

Principal Randy Hatlen states, "This is an event you will not want to miss and that could potentially be life changing for some families."

The Wake Up Call bedroom identifies spots where teens may hide drugs, household items that can be used as drug paraphernalia and ways teens try to cover up drug and alcohol use. Parents, grandparents, educators, and community members are encouraged to attend this presentation to learn what to look for. With teen drug and alcohol use, it's so important to address it right away before an adolescent's use escalates into an addiction or leads to other risky behavior. **This is an educational opportunity for adults only (21 years of age and over).**

For more information or to register for this FREE presentation please visit:

<https://wakeupcallripon.eventbrite.com>

FREE childcare will be provided by the BRAVE program. Please indicate childcare need when registering.

For questions related to this event, please contact school counselor, Jolene Schatzinger at (920) 748-4637, schatzingerj@ripon.k12.wi.us or Sandi Lybert at (262) 367-9901.

Background:

[Your Choice to Live, Inc.](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides alcohol and drug prevention, education, intervention and support. Since the inception in 2009, Your Choice has provided services to over 700 families and

spoken to over 175,000 youth in 250 middle and high schools across Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. "Wake Up Call" is part of their "Stairway to Heroin" educational series that is available as a large group presentation to school districts and community organizations. For more information on all their educational programs please visit www.yourchoice-live.org.