



Press Release: For Immediate Use
What: National Healthcare Decisions Day
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National Healthcare Decisions Day Set for April 16, 2010

The Southern Tier End of Life Coalition, along with other national, state and community organizations, are leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making—an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of April 16, 2010 as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD). As a participating organization, we are providing information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives (healthcare proxy and living will) in accordance with New York state laws.

Specifically, on April 16, Southern Tier End of Life Coalition is welcoming the public throughout the day with **free information booths** about advance care planning and advance directive forms at these locations:

Action for Older Persons, Inc. (8:30AM – 3PM)
Lourdes Atrium (10AM – Noon)
Lourdes Cafeteria (11:30AM – 2:00 PM)
Binghamton University Union, Main Campus (11AM – 4PM)
Binghamton University Downtown Campus lobby (11AM-4pm),
UHS - Stay Healthy Center, Oakdale Mall, JC (7AM-3:30pm)

Advance Healthcare Planning Seminars will be held at Action for Older Persons on Wednesday, April 14 (10AM), Thursday, April 15 (3PM), and Friday, April 16 (5:30 PM). Call 722-1251 to register for these free group seminars.

For more local information, additional event times and locations, please visit www.steolc.org or call 722-1251.

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The Southern Tier End of Life Coalition is a local partnership that envisions a community of people and organizations engaged in helping persons achieve an experience of dying that reflects each individual's personal wishes for physical and emotional comfort, dignity, meaning and respect. Member agencies include Achieve, Action for Older Persons, Inc., Binghamton University, Broome Development Center, Beautiful Plain Baptist Church, Excellus BlueCross/BlueShield, Greater Binghamton Health Center, Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP, Lourdes Hospital, Lourdes Hospice, NYS Veterans' Home at Oxford, St. Michael's Greek Catholic Church, United Health Services Hospitals and Stay Healthy Center, & United Methodist Homes.

