

## CODA Youth Council

*Rebecca Moore, our Community Prevention Specialist/Volunteer and Intern Coordinator, and Melissa Reed, our Director of Legal Services, spotlight the dedicated youth in our community who are working to prevent abuse.*

The CODA Youth Council is an informed group of high school and college-aged students who work together to educate teens and adolescents on the issues of teen dating violence, internet safety, and sexual assault. The Youth Council focuses on preventing violence through the change of culture, not couples. They express the dangers involved in unhealthy relationships and voice teens' point of view to adults who can make changes that impact our youth. Members seek to make respectful relationship behavior the easy choice by fostering conversations about

practicing and promoting SSNREs (safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments) where we live, learn, work, and play. Our Youth Council currently has 13 active members and will be hosting a recruiting event on June 21 to engage more students in our efforts. All students from ages 14-20 are encouraged to attend the event. We will have applications for membership available and look forward to getting new advocates started in the council.

On April 6, 2017 the Youth Council hosted a training seminar titled "Before it Begins" to Wabash Valley Students who are headed off to college campuses or who have recently begun their college careers. This training focused on the types of abuse, the warning signs of abusive relationships, the characteristics of abusers, situational awareness, and consent. Participants learned how to become an UPstander, how to intervene safely, and how to challenge disrespectful comments. Scenarios were provided for practice, and conversation was generated within the group to ensure all

participants felt comfortable taking personal responsibility to say something when they see something that could potentially endanger the safety of another individual.



*Melissa and Rebecca with CODA Youth Council members.*

The group is excited for a summer full of violence prevention initiatives to discuss, plan, practice, and promote social justice and equity. Monthly meetings are held at the main branch of the Vigo County Public Library on the 1st Thursdays and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6-7 pm in one of the meeting rooms downstairs. A calendar of events that

are already planned is listed below. Contact Rebecca or Melissa at 812-234-3441 or [Rmoore@codaterrehaute.org](mailto:Rmoore@codaterrehaute.org) if you or someone you know would like to join us at any of these events to help to promote safety for all members of our community.

### Upcoming Youth Council Events

- June 1 – Youth Council Meeting
- June 21 – Youth Council Recruiting Event
- June 24 – Hamilton Center Diversity Walk
- July 6 – Youth Council Meeting
- July 11 – Youth Council CPR & 1st Aid Training
- July 14 – United Way Day of Action
- July 19 – Youth Council Meeting
- July 28 – Mental Health First Aid Youth Council Training
- August 3 – Youth Council Meeting
- August 16 – Youth Council Recruiting Event

Please visit [www.codaterrehaute.org](http://www.codaterrehaute.org) and like us on Facebook (@[coda.terrehaute](https://www.facebook.com/coda.terrehaute)) to keep up with all CODA activities.

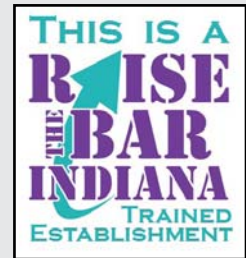
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## CODA Providing "Raise the Bar" Training

**Raise the Bar Indiana (RTB)** is a training session for bartenders, servers, and other staff at establishments that serve alcohol on how to safely and effectively intervene if they see the potential for violence. Topics include consent, perpetrator behavior, creating safety, and how to safely intervene in incidents that may be violent. Certified establishments receive 3 window clings, a certificate of completion, bathroom signage, and continuous support from CODA.

We are pleased to announce that **Ballyhoo Tavern, 7th & Elm Bar and Grille**, and **The Copper Bar** have already completed Raise the Bar training. If you're interested in having CODA present this free program at your business, please call 812-238-9577.



Plans are in the works for this year's **Monte Carlo Masquerade**, to be held on **October 14** at the Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. We are currently seeking sponsors, silent auction donors, and mask-contest participants.

Please give us a call at 812-234-3441 for more information about any of these opportunities.

### Thank You, Donors!

Thank you so much to all of you who supported CODA during this past quarter. Special thanks to the following:

- **Fifi's Lunch Box** for hosting a diaper drive during the month of April
- **Azzip Pizza** for holding a fundraiser for CODA on April 5
- All the businesses who hosted a CODA Piggy Bank, and all those who dropped their spare change into one of the banks
- **Blue Knights Motorcycle Club**

Also, just as we were finishing up our Winter newsletter, we received word that we had been chosen by **100+ Women Who Care Vigo County** to receive their first grant of 2017. At the check presentation on February 28th, Board Member Margaret Roby stated that the funds are greatly appreciated because "the organization has expanded recently, at its shelter and with its services at the courthouse, and is expanding its mission in the community in terms of education and prevention. We recognize that the community supports our efforts and values what we're doing. We thank the Women Who Care!"

### Your Help Is Needed

Our shelter is in urgent need of the following items:

- Diapers (size 4 and 5)
- Gently used or new bath towels and washcloths
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper
- Kitchen trash bags.
- Silverware

If you can help, please contact our office at 812-234-3441.

Monetary donations are always welcome at [www.codaterrehaute.org/donate](http://www.codaterrehaute.org/donate). Thank you!

### Calendar of Events

**June 13th  
& Aug. 4th  
7:05 pm**

#### **Terre Haute Rex Baseball**

*Bob Warn Field, Terre Haute*

We'll be staffing the concession stand to raise money for CODA.

**Aug. 2nd  
5:30 pm**

#### **Male Engagement Seminar**

*Gibault Convocation Center, Terre Haute*

Calling all men! Join CODA for a free seminar to learn how to stand up and speak out against violence and sexual assault. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. A limited number of t-shirts will be available. Please reserve your spot by emailing [rgeise@codaterrehaute.org](mailto:rgeise@codaterrehaute.org) or [mreed@codaterrehaute.org](mailto:mreed@codaterrehaute.org).

**Sept. 30th  
10:00 am**

#### **Blue Knights CODA Benefit Ride**

*Vigo County Courthouse, Terre Haute*

