

AT KODA CAMP, CHILDREN OF DEAF ADULTS PARTICIPATE IN A FUN-FILLED WEEK OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, WHILE FOCUSING ON POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TEAM BUILDING, LEADERSHIP, SELF-ESTEEM AND PREVENTION EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

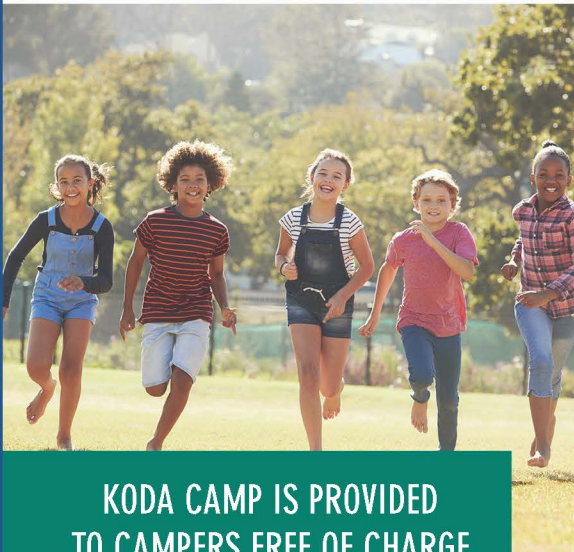
What kids are saying about KODA...

"I love being surrounded by all my KODA friends, they make me feel at home."

"You get a mixture of deaf culture and hearing culture, but when we come to camp we get to interact in our own KODA culture."

"We don't have to hide who we are."

KODA camp applications become available in April and camp is held each year in June.



KODA CAMP IS PROVIDED TO CAMPERS FREE OF CHARGE

The DeafEND program is funded through grants from the Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services, and the Robert and Helen Harmony Fund for Needy Children of The Dayton Foundation, and the generous donations of friends and sponsors.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF STAFF WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

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DeafEND PREVENTION

PROGRAMS FOR GRADES K-12

POSITIVE PEER PREVENTION

With proper education, youth learn skills to make positive life choices.





WHAT IS A POSITIVE PEER PREVENTION PROGRAM?

These programs teach students they are too good for drugs by reducing risk factors, building protective instincts and resiliency.

Prevention addresses the pro-drug mindset of today's teens and effectively increases their likelihood to remain drug free by adopting healthy development skills as their own.

SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS, CAMPS, YOUTH CLUBS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS FREE OF CHARGE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF A DEAF OR HARD-OF-HEARING INDIVIDUAL.



**DeafEND PREVENTION FOR K-12TH GRADES
LONG-TERM AND LASTING EFFECTS**

Through this fun and unique program, students discuss today's social pressures, the importance of finding and becoming superior role models, and how to remain drug free.

The full-format curriculum of this program can be customized to fit the needs of each group with weekly sessions, quarterly workshops, or single-use presentations.

WHY DO WE NEED PREVENTION EDUCATION, AND HOW DOES IT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?

Poor decisions, such as Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) use, can alter a teen's life forever. Every student should be given the tools to improve their future and the confidence to stand up against ATOD use. The best place to give them these tools is in the classroom.

With proper education, students will strengthen their knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and skills, which research has shown to be effective for drug and alcohol prevention.

The availability of ATOD has increased in the Greater-Dayton area according to the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network, and it is reported that use has started at a younger age. Community-wide early intervention and prevention is more important than ever.

"Differences among deaf people are okay, but we need to recognize those differences and work together."

King Jordan
First Deaf President of Gallaudet University

FEATURED PROGRAM



TEEN INSTITUTE DEAF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT (TI-DYE)

A TRUSTED SCHOOL PARTNER

TI-DYE is designed to provide education in development, leadership and prevention.

Through various training activities, TI-DYE youth grow to be strong, healthy adults who have the skills needed to make a real difference in the world in which they live.

Turn to DeafEND for:

- Positive youth development
- Resisting negative peer pressure to focus on positive expectations for the future
- Clear and accurate information about the negative effects of ATOD use
- Building healthy relationships with the school and community
- Self-esteem and identity development
- Building skills to prepare youth to make healthy choices and resist unhealthy behaviors in life