

# Coalition News

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### Upcoming Events

Florence Tree Lighting Ceremony	12/6 6-8 PM Florence Gov't Ctr
Monthly BCA Mtg	12/19 9 AM First Watch Florence
Young Boone Meeting	1/3 6:30-8 PM BCPL Scheben

## BCA partners to provide the CoreLife program

Preventing youth substance use is far more than telling kids to stay away from drugs. It's about encouraging young people to live a fulfilling and productive life without feeling the need to turn to alcohol, marijuana, and other substances. That's the message behind CoreLife, a curriculum developed by Bonnie Hedrick, PhD.

Based on Asset Development Theory, CoreLife is a program to help elementary school students develop 15 key attributes, including moderation, respect, and responsibility. The program includes brightly colored

tools for teachers and schools to use, including posters and parent newsletters. Each week, one character trait is discussed and reinforced.

In Boone County, two schools are currently participating in the CoreLife program: Ockerman and Collins Elementary Schools. BCA is supporting this program by funding printing costs, as well as materials to supplement the lessons. At Ockerman Elementary School, for example, BCA staff delivered note cards so the students could practice writing "thank you" letters during their focus on gratitude.

If you would like more information on the CoreLife program, please visit [www.corelifefenky.com](http://www.corelifefenky.com).



## What is a social host ordinance?

In order to prevent underage drinking, in 2014 Boone County passed a social host ordinance. Under this ordinance, adults who knowingly allow underage drinking on their property can be held liable and face up to a \$500 fine and/or one year in jail. Immediate family members, spouses, and parents are exempt.

Why is a social host ordinance an important tool in preventing underage

drinking? According to the 2014 Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) survey, alcohol remains the most widely used substance for youth in Commonwealth. Data from the CDC and SAMHSA have shown that youth most often drink in private places, including house parties.

The existence of a social host ordinance deters underage drinking by giving police the means to enforce the law without having to

actually witness an adult giving alcohol to the minor, as well by sending a clear message that it is not okay to provide a place for youth to drink.

For more information on the social host ordinance in Boone County and other counties in Kentucky, please visit [www.kyprevention.com](http://www.kyprevention.com).

