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## A Little About Me

By Joey Bartle

After graduating from George Washington University obtaining my Business and Employment Law, Master of Professional Studies degree and also graduating from Webster University and obtaining a Master's degree in Human Resource Management, I worked for the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Office of General Counsel, Medical and Manufacturing, For Profit and Non For Profit companies for over 30 years. My education and experience positioned me for owning my own small business. I am a Certified Risk Management Consultant.

### Family

My wife Tina and I have lived in Washington, MO for 30 years. We have four children, Anthony, Dane, Katelyn and Rachel. We have eight grandchildren, Jace, Zachary, Aspen, Wyatt and Adaline (twins), William, Tucker and Jenny.



**YOU'RE NOT ALONE**

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## Advocacy for Families

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Every day you wake up and unknowingly you are preparing to go out in the world and accomplish something, not just for yourself, but for your family. You see, family is what you are focused on subconsciously. It is as parents, what we do. You work hard, pay bills, save ,over and over everyday. We do it in part because we are **ADVOCATING**, not only for ourselves but for our family.

So, here's my question, wouldn't it be great if we include others in this life to help us and **ADVOCATE** with us in order to protect our families?

The simple truth is there are a lot of people who do exactly that, **ADVOCATE** for us. Unknowingly your insurance company, your mortgage company, your investment person, the cleaners, the gas station, the supermarket, police and firefighters, cab drivers (Uber or Lyft), hotels, restaurants, on and on...you just have never thought of them as **ADVOCATE'S**. But, they are. Think about it.

I have dedicated my life to **ADVOCATE** for people. First in the law and then in Human Resource Management. I sat in the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court courtroom for years and observed how the legal system was "slanted"

towards the side which had the money. If you were wealthy, you had a better than good chance that you were going to be represented well. The other guy, good luck!

In the corporate world of HR, I observed how employees in many cases didn't have an **ADVOCATE** for them when faced with an employment issue or situation. In my role as an HR Manager, I **ADVOCATED** for them.

My passion for **ADVOCACY** came from my living in a pastor's home. He **ADVOCATED** for and was dedicated to **ADVOCATING** for people. Late at night many times my dad, the pastor would leave the house and attend to **ADVOCATING** for some family situation on and on. I saw how he was successful at **ADVOCATING** and I knew this was how I could make a difference in people's lives.

That's why, as I have aged, **ADVOCACY** rules my thinking. Everyday I am thinking about how I can help and **ADVOCATE** for families and help people.



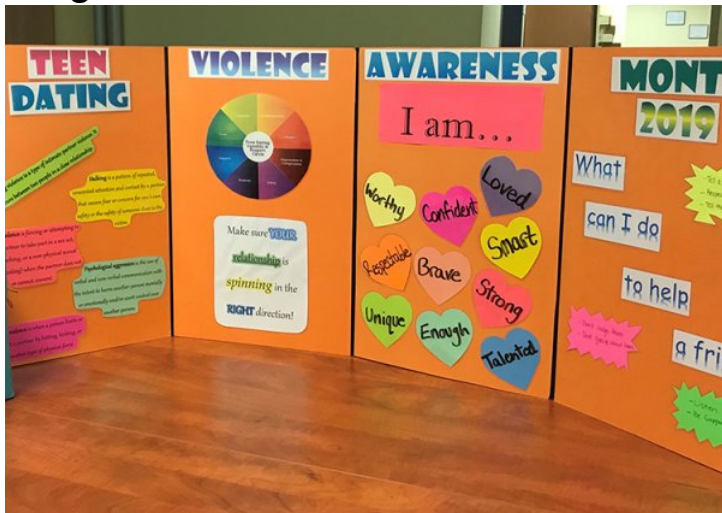


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## Teens identify healthy relationship boundaries with Family Advocacy Program



By Sgt. 1st Class Jaquetta Gooden  
(Grafenwoehr) February 15, 2019

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany -- February is known to many as the month of love, but it's also Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

As kids grow into adolescence, their curiosity to enter the dating world grows expeditiously.

As tweens cross into the high school world, many are often met with the pressure of wanting to fit in with their peers. Often times, students experience bullying of some sort or enter friendships with toxic traits without realizing it.

As tweens blossom into teenagers, some of

the friendships they established will often turn into dating relationships.

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria is raising awareness on teen dating violence by visiting with Vilseck High School, Netzaberg Middle School and the teen centers on Tower and Rose Barracks during the month of February, and providing information about teen violence through resource pamphlets and scenario-based events.

"The purpose of the Family Advocacy Program collaborating with the schools and teen centers is to provide the teens with information on healthy relationships and encourage exploration of personal boundaries," said Denise Link, family advocacy program manager at USAG Bavaria.

The Family Advocacy Program established aged-based scenarios for the teens that involve improper behaviors and crossing certain personal lines to encourage the students to engage in open and honest conversation.

Teen dating violence is more common than many people may think. According to [loveisrespect.org](http://loveisrespect.org), one in three teens in the U.S. will experience physical, sexual or emotional abuse by someone they are in a relationship with before they become an adult.

Statistics from [teendvmonth.org](http://teendvmonth.org) have shown

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approximately 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner, and three out of four parents have never talked to their children about domestic violence.

Additionally, in a recent national survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8 percent of high school students reported physical violence and 7 percent reported that they experienced sexual violence from a dating partner in the 12 months before the survey.

Starting a conversation with a teen about their dating life can be daunting for some parents. However, the No More campaign developed a toolkit titled How to Start a Conversation: Talking about dating and healthy relationships step-by-step to assist parents with this important task.

Every teen will experience love and heartbreak. It's a part of life. We must all do what we can to ensure they understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and often times it starts with the ones they see at home.

If you are a victim of teen dating violence or any form of violence, please contact the Police.



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## What's Ahead

- April 2019 Issue of **Advocacy for Families**
- Dinner for 2 Drawing
  - If you respond to this by replying to this email, you will be in the drawing for a dinner for two.
- Any suggested topics to cover, respond to this email.



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## Look for This in Coming Issues!



## How Parents Can Be Advocates For Their Children