

Bio

My name is Zachary Draves. I am a 26 year old born in Rockford, IL. I am a graduate of Winnebago High School class of 2010 and a graduate of Rockford University class of 2014 with a BA in Political Science. I am currently the Male Ally Domestic Violence Community Educator/Outreach Coordinator at Pillars Community Health in the Chicago suburbs. I go out into the community to schools, colleges, sports teams, law enforcement, mental health centers, youth groups, and medical centers on addressing ways in which men can be involved in combating domestic violence and redefining masculinity. I am a Case Manager/Intern at the Elgin Community Crisis Center in Elgin, IL providing services and assistance to victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty. I also co-facilitate a Partner Abuse Intervention group through ECCC working on holding abusers accountable. I am a member of the Aurora chapter of Indivisible America working to get the community politically involved. I am involved in the Aurora based advocacy group Immigrants Liberation Alliance that is geared towards protecting the rights and liberties of Aurora's undocumented citizens. I am on the Committee for College Athletics for the National Association of Social Workers in Sports that is geared towards advocating for and providing services athletes. I am the head of the Subcommittee on Race in College Sports through the organization that is geared towards addressing racial inequities in the world of college sports and advocating for racial equality. I am a spokesperson and educator for the Great American Condom Campaign through the Advocates for Youth that is geared toward educating college students about the importance of safe sex, sexual health, social equality, and combating HIV/AIDS. I am currently going for my Master's Degree in Social Work at Aurora University with the goal of becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and working at a College/University Counseling Center and becoming a professor.