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**Let's Get Consensual  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Consent Crawl, June 24, 2016**

**Nashville, TN** – June 24, 2016 – [Alliance Against Abuse](http://AllianceAgainstAbuse.org), the Sexual Assault Center's young professionals group, will host it's 1st Annual Consent Crawl on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Three years ago, our community was rocked when video footage of an unconscious woman being raped by multiple men was released. The events that took place on June 23, 2013 are unacceptable. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, three years and one day after this rape occurred, Alliance Against Abuse will kick off the 1<sup>st</sup> annual consent crawl at the Tin Roof to help raise awareness about the very important and often overlooked issue of consent.

Sexual assault happens at an appalling rate. The only cause of sexual assault is perpetrators. Sex without consent is rape. Many people use alcohol as an excuse or to bring blame to the victims, but we want to educate our community that alcohol is never an excuse. Consent is an ongoing, voluntary, knowingly, enthusiastic conversation. Consent is more than just sexual consent. We want to teach our community that if you are going to enter a person's personal space there needs to be a verbal consent, always. The consent crawl will give us an opportunity to come together as a community and discuss consent and how we can educate our society to be more consensual. We will begin our crawl at Tin Roof. We want to meet people where they will already be on a Friday night, and get them thinking and talking about consent.

Consent Crawl  
Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm Tin Roof  
7:00pm DAWG House  
8:00pm South

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