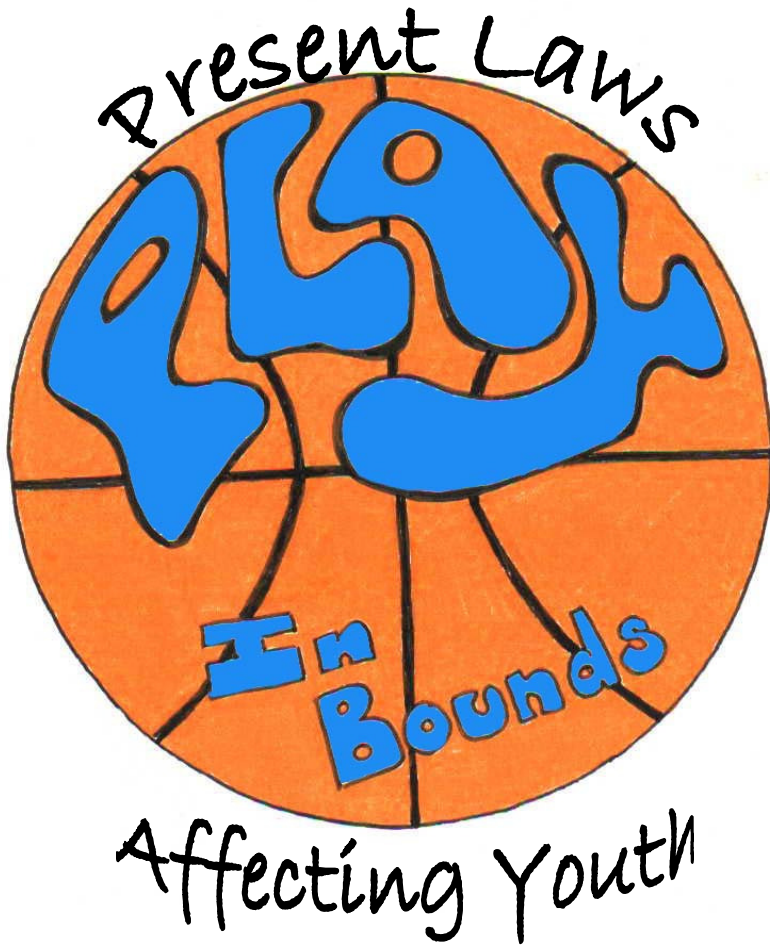


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The Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana was formed in 2004 to influence systemic change in the juvenile justice, education and child welfare systems within Indiana. The Youth Law T.E.A.M. serves as a youth law resource center for juvenile justice, education and child welfare professionals, as well as concerned citizens, youth and policy makers. The services of the Youth Law T.E.A.M. include **T**echnical Assistance, **E**ducation and Training, **A**dvocacy of Best Practice and Policy Recommendations, and **M**onitoring of the juvenile justice, education and child welfare systems for Compliance with State and Federal Laws and with Best Practice Standards.

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INTRODUCTION

Laws apply to everyone, no matter how old or how young people are. This book is designed to help Indiana youth learn and understand what the law is in the areas most important to youth, hence the title of the book, P.L.A.Y. in Bounds (**P**resent **L**aws **A**ffecting **Y**outh). Even though you aren't an adult, it's your responsibility to know the law and follow it.

P.L.A.Y. in Bounds is written in a question and answer format. The questions are written as if asked by an Indiana youth. The answers are summaries of Indiana and federal law, state and federal case law, and/or common law. At the end of each chapter is the sources section. Use the following to help you understand the sources.

“I.C.” refers to sections of Indiana Code, which is Indiana law.

“I.A.C.” refers to sections of the Indiana Administrative Code.

“U.S.C.” refers to sections of the United States Code, which is federal law.

“C.F.R.” refers to sections of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Some of the sources are real life court cases, called case law. Some questions do not refer to codes or court cases. The answers to these questions are part of common law, or traditional ways of doing things.

The law is constantly changing. Every year, Indiana and federal legislators write new laws. Every day, Indiana and federal judges hear new court cases and either interpret old laws or make new laws. A good way to keep informed about new and changing laws is to read the newspaper and listen to the news on the television or radio. You may also want to visit Indiana's official state website: www.in.gov. If you do not have internet access at home you can visit your local library. Because the law is constantly changing, and because the law can get complicated, don't use this book in place of an attorney. Contact a lawyer if you have a legal problem and need legal advice.

Now, please join the Youth Law T.E.A.M.'s friends, Allie and Tom, as they and their friends learn about the **P**resent **L**aws **A**ffecting **Y**outh. Learning these laws will empower and protect you. Stay in the game. PLAY in Bounds!

Allie Cat, age 14



Tom Cat, age 24



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