

## *The COAD Group*

The COAD Group is a nonprofit organization that has provided human services programs to the Chester County community for over 47 years.

Our mission is to build healthy and safe communities. We do this by offering a spectrum of effective behavioral health programs and services including programs for the prevention of alcohol and drug use and abuse, mental health awareness, and offering educational opportunities designed to support responsible choices and behaviors.

We have a strong network of relationships with local officials and administrators in government, education, and law enforcement, as well as other service organizations that provide mental health, drug and alcohol prevention, and counseling services.

COAD successfully provided Alcohol Highway Safety classes to Chester County for nearly 30 years, as well as other Highway Safety programs.

Our current services include:

- Student Assistance Programs for all Chester County school districts;
- Education programs for adolescent offenders of drug and alcohol violations;
- Effective community-based programs for prevention and mental health awareness.

## The APDP Course Content

The purpose of the APDP course is to foster safe driving and save the lives of innocent people.

It is designed as an educational course for those persons who have been cited for motor vehicular violations. APDP is offered as an alternative program which, if deemed appropriate by law enforcement officers and Magisterial District Judges, will provide for the reduction of points on the driver's license or dismissal of charges.

Participants will:

- Learn why/how we behave behind the wheel;
- Establish a strategy and plan of action to manage "triggers" to negative situations;
- Learn statistical data about the number, types, and causes of vehicular accidents in Pennsylvania;
- Build skills for improving perception on the road;
- Develop understanding of defensive driving strategies and driving hazards;
- Seek to eliminate at least one aggressive driving habit.

Need more information?

Please call

The COAD Group

610-363-6164

or email us at

[APDP@coadgroup.com](mailto:APDP@coadgroup.com)

## *Aggressive & Perceptive Driving Program*

The Aggressive and Perceptive Driving Program (APDP) is an instructional and rehabilitative course that seeks to help participants eliminate aggressive, high-risk driving behaviors.

It provides participants with strategies to change their emotional reactions to other drivers, enhance their perception of their driving environment, and enables them to become better defensive drivers.

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## Aggressive and Perceptive Driving Program

*Aggressive Driving is one of the top three highway safety violations in the Nation.*

The Aggressive and Perceptive Driving Program (APDP) is a research-based course that includes:

- Driving behaviors that are considered aggressive and unlawful;
- Reasons for aggressive behaviors and strategies for controlling them;
- Statistical data on the number of and causes for vehicular accidents;
- Behaviors that constitute "Road Rage;"
- Driving myths and facts;
- Methods to assess highway and traffic conditions;
- Tactics to improve perceptual driving skills;
- Defensive driving strategies;
- Analysis of slides /videos of driving conditions, circumstances, and accidents;
- Self-assessment and course evaluation.

Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will receive a *Certificate of Completion* and the referring Magisterial District Judge will be notified.

## Participation in APDP

### Participation Guidelines

- Each APDP course consists of six (6) instructional hours over two (2) three-hour classes.
- Generally, the course is offered twice a month. Classes are scheduled in the evenings. Class schedules may vary per month. Contact COAD to check dates and availability.
- Classes begin promptly at designated start time. Late participants will not be admitted.
- Participants must attend both classes in the scheduled cycle to successfully complete the course. If a class is missed, a \$25 rescheduling fee will be applied and participant will need to restart the entire cycle at the next available date.
- Participants who do not attend both classes will be dropped from the course. The Magisterial District Judge will be notified of the participant's failure to attend and no refund will be issued.
- In the event of inclement weather, Participants should call COAD at 610-363-6164 or check the website at [www.coadgroup.com](http://www.coadgroup.com) for emergency closing updates.



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## Registration Information

To Register for APDP:

**Call COAD at 610-363-6164**

or

Complete the registration form online at [www.coadgroup.com](http://www.coadgroup.com) and a program representative will contact you regarding class availability and scheduling.

*Class space is limited and filled on a first-come basis.*

### Class Schedule:

- Classes are typically held from 6:30PM – 9:30 PM on weeknights at COAD's office in Exton.
- Schedule may vary.

### Fee Structure:

- Cost: \$100 (6 hour course)
- All payments must be received 10 business days prior to start of class.
- All payments are non-refundable.
- Checks returned for insufficient funds will result in a \$25 fee.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment of fees.

### Methods of Payment:

- Personal Check
- Money Order
- Master Card or Visa