



Collaborate / Promote / Advocate

Key Dates

November 5, 2020 (10am - 12pm): PEP Committee Meeting

November 11, 2020 (3:30pm - 5pm): [Facebook Scavenger Hunt](#)

November 17, 2020 (2pm-4pm): Education/Training Meeting

December 10, 2020 (5pm - 8pm): Youth Holiday Party

[Check out PEP's Facebook for activity dates and information.](#)



Announcements

- PEP, an initiative of the United Way of the River Cities was awarded the new Opioid Affected Youth Grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). To view plans for this new funding click [here](#).
- PEP is accepting donations for their Christmas/Holiday Cards Project. For more information about how this project will benefit both at-risk youth and seniors in Cabell County or to donate, please click [here](#).

Meet The Authors



Rounding Out The Team

J.R. Ash joined PEP's Youth Leadership



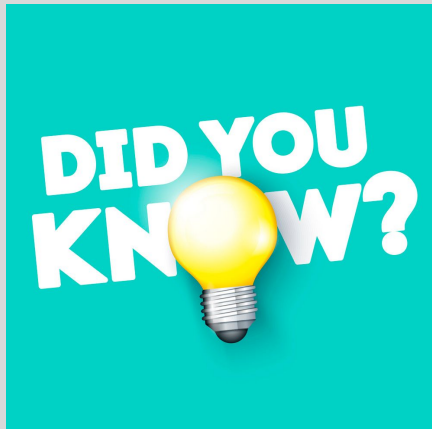
Meet Our New Youth Author

J.R. Ash is an 8th grader at Huntington East Middle School. He is a part of the Huntington East Middle School Band and Jazz Band Ensemble as well as the Cabell Midland Knights Front Ensemble. Along with music, he has a huge passion for substance prevention in his community, state, country, and world. He believes that everyone has a powerful voice and it can be used to create powerful change.

Team in September of 2020. He is a great addition to the team, being the newest and youngest author for PEP's quarterly "Voice of the Youth" newsletter, he helps bring in a new perspective. J.R. joins four other youth leaders who were highlighted in last quarter's issue. As seen above from left to right: Brooklynne Hanshaw - Junior at Huntington High School, Brooklyn Johnson - Junior at Cabell Midland Highschool, Alannah Spearman - Junior at Huntington Highschool, and Abigail Adkins - Junior at Cabell Midland Highschool

PEP Talk...

encouraging youth to feel more courageous and enthusiastic about substance prevention



Have You Heard?

In the past, substance use has gone up, right? Well no, it has actually gone down at surprisingly huge rates. Especially among teens with all of the new products aimed at their attention they have had the courage to say no and be a light for everyone around them.

-J.R. Ash

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Accomplishments - Powered by PEP

Learn about the expansion of PEP's youth programs, and the youth led projects which the youth have completed. Be inspired by the progression that has taken place within these programs and the products that they have created to continue education in substance misuse prevention by youth for youth.

-Brooklyn Johnson

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The Future - Powered by PEP

Become enchanted by the future plans of PEP's youth programs, and learn how you, or the youth you know, could participate in our fun and educational activities like scavenger hunts and weekly youth-centered virtual meetings. Also, read of the projects that PEP's Youth Leadership Team will continue to bring to fruition within the coming months.

-Brooklyn Johnson

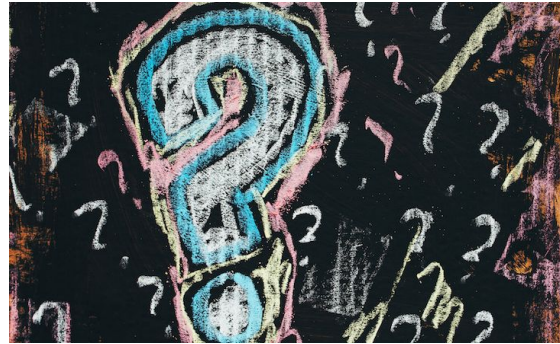
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Asking For Answers

Interact with our Youth Leadership Team by asking your own questions about substance use, or prevention, and receive answers from our youth.

-Abby Adkins

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Marijuana Misconceptions

You may know marijuana by its many names - cannabis, hemp, weed, pot, or Mary Jane - but how much do you really know about marijuana? Check out this informative article to learn more about marijuana, and the risks of this often misconceived drug.

-Brooklynne Hanshaw

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Last Laughs

Have a laugh while looking at these substance prevention memes created by our youth leadership team member.

-Alannah Spearman

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