



Prevention Empowerment Partnership

VOICE OF THE YOUTH

Substance Prevention Newsletter

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Welcome to the Team!

Courtney Hutchinson graduated from Marshall University in 2003 with a B.A. in English Writing. For the past decade, she has performed a number of freelance editing jobs while raising her three kids. Courtney feels honored to be a part of the prevention world as the new assistant to the PEP coalition.



Upcoming Meetings

Check out PEP's [Event Page](#).

Project Spotlight

Link to ["Substance Safety with Dragon and Brooklyn"](#) an educational video geared toward youth from Kindergarten - 2nd grade. This video was written and performed by the PEP Youth Leadership Team, and produced by Jeremy Holbrook/ [JRook Productions](#).

Asking for Answers

[Submit your questions here.](#)

PEP Announcements

PEP would like to thank all our sponsors for the EGGs-traordinary Scavenger Hunt. We had a fantastic response to this event. 124 youth participated and won at least one of 100+ donated gifts, such as t-shirts, bicycles, and gift cards. The Live Drug-Free Message was spread throughout Cabell County with t-shirts and bracelets. We appreciate the community support through volunteers, donations, and partnerships that made this event possible.

Drug Take-Back was held on April 24th at the Barbourville Drug Emporium and at Walgreen's on 4th Avenue in Huntington. Together, both sites collected 184 lbs. of medication that was disposed of by the DEA. The Cabell County Sheriff's Department, Huntington Police Department, and Marshall School of Pharmacy partnered with PEP to host this event.

PEP Talk...

encouraging youth to feel more courageous and enthusiastic about substance prevention

Tobacco Targeting



The tobacco industry doesn't kill people every day by coincidence, they kill people daily and they know what they are doing. These companies intentionally target, hook, and kill many lives every single day entirely for profit.
- J.R. Ash

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Accomplishments

Throughout the past quarter, PEP and its Youth Leadership Team has continued its trend of pushing out an expansive variety of projects for the youth in our surrounding community.
-Brooklyn Johnson

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Who says prevention doesn't work?
[Check out the DFC Coalition Snapshot for PEP/CCSAPP.](#)



The Future Powered by PEP

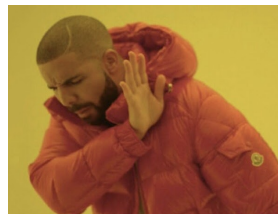
Take a look into the future of PEP's youth groups and learn where to get more information on how to become a member of the Youth Leadership Team.
- Brooklyn Johnson

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Last Laughs

Have a laugh while looking at these substance prevention memes created by our youth leadership team members.
-Brooklynne Hanshaw

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alcohol,
tobacco,
vape



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Asking for Answers

Interact with our Youth Leadership Team by



asking your own questions about substance use. Simply submit a question to the link above. If you would like a quick response, please include your e-mail address in the body of the text, otherwise, your question will be answered in our next quarterly newsletter.

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Did you Know?

Did you know that in the past few years smoking rates have declined?
-J.R. Ash & Abigail Adkins

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