



Prevention Empowerment Partnership

VOICE OF THE YOUTH

Substance Prevention Newsletter

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PEP Youth Win Best Trunk!

On October 22nd, PEP youth and staff decorated a trunk for The Center - Youth Opportunity Hub's first trunk-or-treat. Youth passed out candy, prevention material, and small prizes. PEP's Alice and Wonderland theme won best decorated trunk!

If you are interested in finding out more about the PEP team or participating in our activities go to <http://www.unitedwayrivercities.org/pep/pep-youth/> for more information!



Project Spotlight

PEP Youth Leadership Team hosted a Marijuana Awareness Poster Contest during the month of September. Check out [PEP's Facebook page](#) to see the winners. Finalized posters will be posted on PEP's page upon completion of edits.

Substance Misuse Explained:

Check out PEP's growing library of Prevention Topics explained by youth, for youth.

[Substance Misuse Terms Explained](#)

PEP Updates

The 21st National DEA Rx Take-back day was October 23, 2021. PEP partnered with the Cabell County Sheriff's Department at Drug Emporium in Barboursville and with Huntington Police Department at the Walgreens on 4th Avenue in Huntington to collect 106.5 pounds of medication that were handed over to the DEA for safe disposal. Marshall University's School of Pharmacy provided 5 students to assist with the collections. PEP staff coordinated the event and also distributed 200 Detera Bags for home disposal.

PEP staff geared up their coding project again with local community centers such as Phil Cline YMCA, The Boys, and Girls club, and the Family Resource Center. PEP works with youth at each center to facilitate the learning of new coding skills using a program called SCRATCH. If you are interested in participating in one of these classes, contact Robert Greer at robert.greer@unitedwayrivercities.org or one of the above-mentioned community centers for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

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

PEP Talk

encouraging youth to feel more courageous and enthusiastic about substance prevention

Substance Prevention

Prevention in the Community



Substance misuse prevention in the Community: Big Brother Big Sister Programs use community support as a means of prevention and has been a popular and effective method to keep young people away from substance use and potential substance abuse...

-Sophie Slaughter

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Staying Aware of Marketing Tactics

The tobacco industry spends billions of dollars every single year on intentionally targeting youth. Their main goal is to obtain as much money as they can and their products' consequences are not their priority.

-J.R. Ash

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PEP Youth



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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The Future Powered by PEP

PEP's Youth Leadership Team is establishing future plans to make change within our community. The Youth Leadership Team is continuing to fulfill its goal of creating resources for the community through its plethora of projects that are planned to come to fruition in the coming months.

- Brooklyn Johnson

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IT'S YOUR
WORLD—
CHANGE IT!

Last Laughs

The emotions you feel each day can compel you to take action and influence the decisions you make about your life, both large and small. Your mood does matter! We hope these memes created by PEP youth, brighten your mood and help you to think about the choices you make.

-Abigail Adkins



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