

CCYEP HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 2005

New Students Enroll in Cabell County Youth Empowerment Program

In January, 13 new students began attending GED classes and work readiness skills classes offered by the CCYEP.

During the month of January, those students were able to experience the following activities and events.

Students Tour Marshall University and Huntington Junior College of Business



CCYEP has developed strong partnerships with Marshall University and the Huntington Junior College. Students spend two to three hours on the campuses of these institutions as well as hear from faculty members who might answer any questions they have.

Each new group of students that enroll in the CCYEP program has the opportunity to learn about various educational and job training opportunities they might have once they complete their GED training.



Students also meet monthly with Heather Warren, Counselor for the TRIO Program, who assist students with enrolling in and attending colleges of their choice.

Heather has been instrumental in helping CCYEP students fill out applications for colleges, apply for grants and scholarships. To date, over a dozen CCYEP students are attending post high school institutions through the TRIO Program.



HHA Receives \$400,000 for Youthbuild Grant



CCYEP staff will be responsible for implementing the grant which will consist of two groups of 10 students. They will attend GED classes in the mornings and learn building construction trade skills in the afternoon by rehabbing two donated boarded up crack houses in the Fairfield community.

Students will learn skills such as plumbing, electrical, drywall, roofing, masonry, landscaping and siding.

The Huntington Housing Authority in partnership with the Cabell County Youth Empowerment Program applied for and was awarded a \$400,000 grant. It will target 20 high-risk youth ages 18-24 who have dropped out of school and lack employment skills.



New Students Enroll in Woodshop Program



Three new students have enrolled in the Huntington School of Fine Woodwork which is sponsored by CCYEP. Currently 12 students are attending afternoon classes offered at the training site, 510 9th St.

The new students are working right along side the other students who are serving as mentors. They show the new students how to use the tools, safety issues and work with them on making new products.



What's Up With METH?



With the explosion of meth labs in our region, CCYEP staff invited Bill O'dell to conduct a workshop in methamphetamines.

Bill works through the WV State Police and the WV Sheriff's Association.

Bill shared with students and staff the impact and negative physical, mental and environmental effects meth has on people and communities.

The students indicated they really enjoyed the presentation. One student; an 18 year old female told us her mother gave her meth at the age of ten.