

**Cabell County Youth Empowerment Program**  
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**November 2006 Report**

On November 1, Teresa Mills, Regional Tobacco Prevention Coalition Coordinator at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, provided smoking cessation classes for our students. Several students took advantage of this opportunity and are attending classes every Wednesday from 10am-11am for the next eight weeks. Classes are scheduled to end on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Students who complete the class will receive a \$50 bonus.



Karen Kleppe, Read Right tutor, continues to work with students on Monday through Thursday. Chris Pulley graduated from the program on November 20<sup>th</sup>. She anticipates that John DeBerry will graduate in December. Students continue to improve their reading and retention skills in the class as well as on the practice GED exam.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Brandy Sexton took the full GED exam and John DeBerry retested in reading at the Putnam County Career and Technical Center. We received notification that Brandy has passed with an impressive score of 2450 and John passed the reading section. Chris Pulley registered in Cabell County on November 20<sup>th</sup> for the GED test. He tested on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We are awaiting his test scores.

Ann Hyre, WorkForceWV, continues to work with many of our students on resume writing and also gathering information to complete their job portfolios. Three of the Cabell County Youth Empowerment students obtained employment in November.

Chris Gue started his on the job training with the Maintenance Department in the Douglas Center this month. He is working Monday through Friday from 12:30-4:30pm under Jermaine Peyton.

Starting on November 1, CCYEP students began to receive a classroom stipend. Students who arrive to class on time receive a \$3/day stipend.

On November 16, I interviewed and TABE tested students who were interested in enrolling in CCYEP. Eight new students started to GED class on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. They took the practice GED test on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We went over their

test scores on November 29<sup>th</sup>, and they were assigned areas of work that needed improvement.

We are implementing various incentives for students who have perfect attendance. During the month of November, Anthony Jenkins, Mike Wilson, Jordan Williams, and Jordan Collins had perfect attendance. They will be rewarded with a trip to the movies in December.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, five of the CCYEP students went to the One Stop to be determined eligible for the Woodshop. Jordan Collins, Jonathan Anderson, Larry Webb, Jason Maynard, and James Ross started their training that afternoon.