

CABELL COUNTY YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

OCTOBER 2005

Read Right

One of the key elements in helping youth improve their educational and job skills is to improve their reading skills.

Many of our students enroll in CCYEP with various levels of deficiencies in reading and comprehension. The lower the level of reading the harder it will be to learn and prepare for the GED test.

CCYEP and the Read Right Program created a partnership where tutors with the Read Right Program would offer their services free of charge to our students. Previous to October, CCYEP students would have to go to the Read Right classroom at the WV Workforce Center and sign up for tutoring. This became a huge barrier as students did not have transportation to and from the Read Right Classroom. They would have ridden the bus longer than the actual tutoring session requiring them to miss GED class.

For two years, CCYEP has requested the Read Right Program be offered on site where students have already gathered for educational and job training classes. In October, this became a reality with enrollment in Read Right increasing by 15 students a week in the CCYEP program.

Each student meets with a reading tutor twice a week for forty minutes. During this time their reading and comprehension skills are measured and tracked. In the month of October, reading and comprehension levels saw a dramatic increase.

GED Classes

Students continue each day studying and preparing to take their GED tests. Students attend GED class from 8 A.M. to 12 noon and are steadily progressing towards the goal of passing the GED test.

Congratulations go out to Goldie Spry. She passed her GED test. Eight students are scheduled to take the GED test in November.



Tim and Kelly took all the CCYEP students to the College/Career Fair at the Veteran's Memorial Fieldhouse. Students met with college recruiters, career counselors and job developers from across the U.S.

Huntington School of Fine Woodwork

In August, CCYEP was awarded a grant of over \$98,000 from the WV Governor's Workforce Investment Division to expand the woodshop program from part-time to full-time and add an adult woodshop class.



In October, three new CCYEP youth began woodshop class along with six adults.

Under the leadership of Greg Meadows, woodshop instructor, the adults attend class each day from 8 to 11:45 A.M. Youth attend class each day from 12:45 – 4:30 P.M.



Woodshop students are learning the art of furniture-making as well as tool and equipment safety. Each student has taken on a project he or she wants to complete before the end of the year.

The Huntington School of Fine Woodwork has been invited once again to participate in the Greater Huntington Lion's Club Arts and Craft Festival which is held the first weekend of December at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Students will display and sell their woodcrafts at this three-day event.