

Tobacco Prevention/Education Programs

This summer the youth enrolled in Operation Right Choice and TACS --Teens Against Cigarettes and Snuff-- have been very busy.

Hoopin' for Health

TACS members hosted a tobacco prevention/education booth at the Hoopin' For Health 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the AD Lewis Community Center on June 24.

RAZE On the Water and RAZE on the Waves



TACS members also hosted two community tobacco prevention and education booths in July. The first one was at the Dreamland Pool in Kenova, WV on Thursday, July 6th, and the second one was at the Waves of Fun in Hurricane, WV on July 20.

At these events, students share with other people about the dangers associated with tobacco use.



Throughout the day, there was a steady stream of visitors to the booth to see the demonstrations and to hear the presentations as to the dangers associated with tobacco use.



Although the teens are serious about preventing the use of and educating others about the dangers of tobacco, they also have plenty of time to kick back, have fun and enjoy the summer with each other.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

On Thursday, August 10, teens in the battle against big tobacco celebrated their accomplishments at a back to school bash at Dreamland Pool. This event, sponsored by T.A.C.S. – Teens Against Cigarettes and Snuff - and funded by the Sojourner's Care Network, invited all tobacco prevention clubs in middle schools and high schools in a four county area.



This event was held to acknowledge all the hard work these students were doing in their schools and communities to educate and inform others about the dangers of tobacco use.

Over the past five years, tobacco use among WV teens has dropped 42%.



Students chowed down on 45 pizzas, 250 drinks, listened and danced to music provided by DJ's Unlimited, challenged themselves and each other to the climbing wall and gyro spin, and cooled off in the pool.



Students were also given new RAZE gear, won door prizes and were challenged to work even harder in the upcoming school year to fight big tobacco and their efforts to target young people and get them addicted to tobacco.

