

# Operation Right Choice Students Stay Busy all Summer

While most students are sleeping in past noon, playing video games or just hanging out with friends, students enrolled in Operation Right Choice are busy this summer all over the region.

## Faces of Leadership Conference

Joseph Bailey, Jaytese Westmoreland, Whitney Hodges and Tim White facilitated a workshop on Adulthood at the WV Governor's Conference on Faces of Leadership. These students did an excellent job and their workshop had the highest attendance.

Their workshop focused on how the adult world does not see and appreciate how much youth have to offer in the way of creativity, positive ideas, energy and enthusiasm in helping to bring positive change in communities.



These students led the 1 ½ hour workshop by sharing how they have taken on a leadership role in their communities and how those attending the workshop can come up with ideas as to how to go about getting youth more involved in the decision-making and idea-sharing opportunities in their respective communities.



## AppalYouth Fellows Update

Joseph Bailey and Andrea Gilman attended the AppalYouth Fellows Retreat in Charleston, WV and shared with the group about the Teen Issues Day event he planned and coordinated on May 22 to commemorate the death of the four teens who were murdered in Huntington.



The highlight of the event was a lunch cruise on the P.A. Denny sternwheeler on Thursday afternoon. Joseph's fiancé, Sabrina was also able to join him for the special luncheon.



## 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 at 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 concerning the dangers of tobacco, they also have plenty of time to kick back, have fun and enjoy the summer with each other.