

Indiana Teen Institute's (ITI) Voice Leadership Program

Students involved in Vanderburgh and Spencer County's Voice groups (Indiana's youth-led movement against the tobacco industry) attended the Indiana Teen Institute's (ITI) Voice summer leadership program for a week in July on the campus of Vincennes University. ITI's award-winning leadership camps are designed for active participants who have exhibited strong leadership potential.

The camp provided a dynamic and fun way for Hoosier youth to build skills, meet new friends, and become motivated to create positive changes in their school and community in regard to tobacco control.

Students participated in a combination of hands-on workshops, team building initiatives, recreational activities, plenary sessions and small-group discussions. Students were led by ITI's experienced facilitation team as they learned how to more effectively lead and work together to promote civic engagement and voluntarism.

Each day of the camp, students participated in team action planning, personal leadership reflection, networking, knowledge building, and social interaction.

For more information on how teens or youth groups can become involved in the Voice movement, contact the Healthy Communities Partnership Tobacco Free Initiative at (812) 303-7378.