

## **HI-Y Leadership Center**

Youth in Government is one of the HI-Y programs offered every school and community by the Ohio West Virginia YMCA's HI-Y Leadership Center.

The Center is a national resource for HI-Y providing technical assistance, program development, manuals, materials, training, newsletters, idea exchanges, state and national youth leadership conferences and camps and the HI-Y Council representing local HI-Y's.

## **HI-Y Philosophy of Leadership**

HI-Y believes that each person is responsible for the life of their community and to help others as well as the community achieve their potential.

HI-Y believes that civic leadership has little to do with power and everything to do with responsibility. What counts is individual and group character. HI-Y promotes *Respect - Responsibility - Caring - Trustworthiness - Honesty - Fairness - Citizenship*.

## **Learning Style**

HI-Y's service-learning approach enables students to connect classroom lessons, life experience and HI-Y's active engagement in community building to their service as Legislators, Supreme Court Justices, Officers, Lobbyists, Press or Page delegates to the Model Legislature or Supreme Court. The American governmental process unfolds with deeper understanding as students seek to solve pressing issues through the Student Legislature and Supreme Court.

## **Board and Committee**

The Ohio-West Virginia YMCA Board appoints Committees for Ohio and West Virginia Youth in Government. Each Committee is responsible to secure the resources the programs require to succeed, to give directional emphasis so the programs support the mission and goals of the Ohio-West Virginia YMCA and to extend the program into every interested community.

## **Staff**

The Ohio-West Virginia YMCA Board employs the Executive who is responsible to employ other staff and engage volunteers to carry out Board policies and the work of the Committees.