

OPERATION RIGHT CHOICE

“YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR CHOICES BUT YOU CAN'T
CHOOSE YOUR CONSEQUENCES”



Operation Right Choice Monthly Overview January 2005

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During the month of January, the following activities and events took place.

Girl's Nite Out - Christy Mulligan, Youth Programs Specialist, hosted a Girl's Nite Out "Favorite Fingernail Polish Party". Girls showed up at the Teen Center and painted each others finger nails and talked about issues relating to teens. Girl's Nite Out is a by-monthly activity where the girls of Operation Right Choice and their friends have an opportunity to get together, have some great fun and talk.



Project Towards No Drug Abuse – Students continue to meet each Thursday evening for a two hour class dealing with the issues of substance abuse.

In January, ORC students conducted a "Talk Show" where students took on the roles of people who are addicted to drugs or friends or family members of drug addicts and showed how those drugs have affected their lives and relationships.

The youth did such a good job they want to do the play again for their parents.

Tim White also purchased a Drug Identification Kit where mock drugs or drug paraphernalia are displayed behind glass and a brief description of the drug and its effects on the body are identified.

Students were very intrigued and had seen or heard about some of the items displayed in the kit but some of the items they had never seen or heard of.



Tobacco Prevention Workshop – ORC students hosted an all day RAZE tobacco prevention workshop on Saturday, January 29th with over 50 middle school students attending from the region.

These students were trained in how to use various tools to inform and educate others about the dangers of tobacco use.



Tobacco Awareness at High School Ballgames – ORC students also participated in a Banner Run during half time of the Huntington High School/Cabell Midland High School boys basketball game. While the announcer shared facts about the dangers associated with tobacco use, ORC/RAZE students walked around the court holding banners encouraging those in attendance to not use tobacco products.

Two students at HHS informed the group they had stopped smoking due to the information they received at the RAZE booth during football games.

One student was from China and had been smoking since the age of ten.

Students Make Step Team at School – Three ORC students mustered the courage to try out for the Step Team at Huntington High School.

The Step Team performs dance routines during half time at ball games and at other events throughout the school and community.

ORC students, who made the team, are Jaytese Westmoreland, Ja'Leeza Canada and Teresa Canady.

