

# Operation Right Choice Monthly Report for February 2005

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### Project Towards No Drug Abuse

In February, ORC students completed the Project Towards No Drug Abuse. This program, taught by Tim White and Christy Mulligan teaches students how to recognize and understand why people use drugs and how this will affect their health and their relationships.



Some of the Topics covered in the class were Truths and Myths about Drug Use, Labeling, Stereotyping, Understand Addiction, Enabling, and Recognizing Symptoms of Drug Use.

In February, Bill O'Dell conducted a workshop called, "What's Up With Meth?" Students learned how methamphetamines can ruin your life and the dangers

associated with making it and using it.

Recruitment is underway for 25 new students to begin the class in March.

### Tobacco Prevention/Education

ORC student stay very active in helping to educate others, especially their peers about the dangers associated with tobacco use.

On Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, ORC members trained over 150 middle school and high school students in various tobacco prevention tools.





Those students were challenged to go back to their schools and communities and conduct tobacco prevention events.

ORC students were invited to Barboursville and Cammack Middle Schools to assist students at each school with a tobacco prevention assembly.

Also in May, ORC students were invited to host a Tobacco Education/Prevention Booth at the St. Mary's Hospital Health Fair held at the Veteran's Memorial Field House.



## **Threw With Chew**

February was National "Threw With Chew" month. Youth from across the nation were challenged to do some type of event focusing on the dangers associated with chewing tobacco and snuff.

ORC students took a video to Blockbuster Video of a true story of a high school student who starting dipping snuff at age 14 and by age 17 had developed cancer in his mouth.



They set up a display informing customers about the dangers of spit tobacco and to let them know that they can check out the video free of charge.

The management of Blockbuster Video was very supportive of this endeavor and allowed the students to place the display directly on the counter to be seen by customers and they entered the store.

