

RESEARCH & EVALUATION FINDINGS



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Q2 CONSULTING LLC

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH EVALUATION, 2003

"Student judgments of the risks of tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana strengthened, particularly in grades 4th, 5th and in high school."

"The evidence presented here supports the conclusion that Operation Aware is very effective in improving students' self-esteem. This effect varies somewhat by grade level, but it is increasingly noticeable as students age."

REdS: RESEARCH & EDUCATION SERVICES INDEPENDENT RESEARCH EVALUATION, 2006

"97% of the students correctly identified all six drug resistance techniques on the post-test, compared to just 36% of students on the pre-test. The rest of the students (3%) could identify at least two of the six drug resistance techniques on the post-test."

78% of students correctly identified the three steps to solving a problem on the post-test, compared to 0% on the pre-test. The 3-step model can be applied in any situation in which the student is confronted with a decision or choice to make, providing a lifelong skill.



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NASADAD AWARD

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE DIRECTORS, 2008

Operation Aware received the 2008 National Exemplary Award for Innovative Substance Abuse Prevention Programs, Practices and Policies.

The award recognizes programs that have proven their success through extensive evaluation and scientific research, meaning that the programs have been proven to be effective.

ONGOING EVALUATION

WE MONITOR OUR PROGRAM IN-HOUSE

Each academic quarter, Operation Aware evaluates a purposeful sample of students through pre- and post-testing to ensure program fidelity. We then use an independent consultant, TS&Co, to analyze and report the data. Additionally, the Executive Director and Program Director routinely make unannounced observation visits to verify program accuracy and implementation.