

Windsor K-12 School, Imperial, Missouri

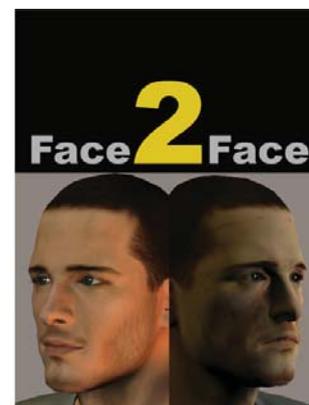
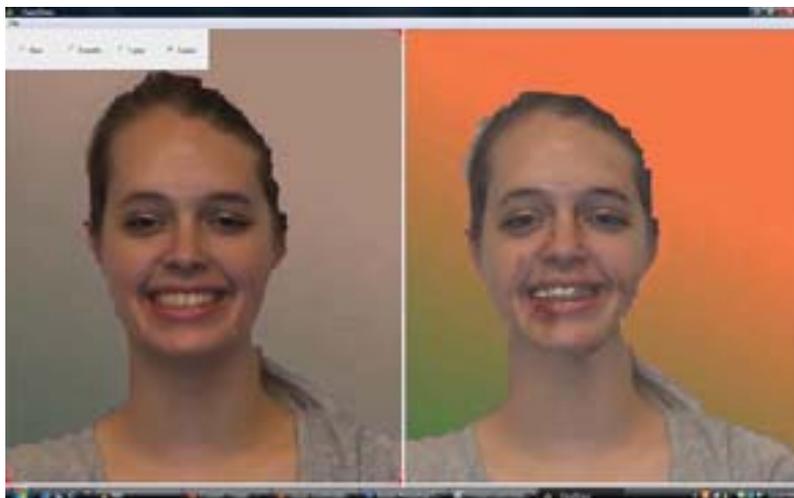
Taking a positive approach is Jefferson County Sheriff Oliver “Glenn” Boyer, who learned about the Face2Face program last October. He contacted the Jefferson County Partners Responsible for Increasing Drug Education (P.R.I.D.E.), and enlisted their cooperation in a joint venture to try the program. With the help of P.R.I.D.E they purchased the \$3,000 program to jointly use it in fighting crystal meth abuse in the county.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Michaels said he's been trying for years to get students' attention and get through to them on the dangers of drug and alcohol use, but nothing has had the sobering effect of the newly instituted Face2Face computer generated program. After several Windsor High School students volunteered to have their photos taken and viewed their digitally altered faces of the future that showed them what they'd look like after six months, one year and three years, Michaels said:

"I've never seen the look of shock on their faces like I have with this. They can actually see themselves; there's no imagining there."

The test run of the Face2Face program, which mimics the physical effect of meth use and known to cause skin lesions, facial sagging and tooth decay, took place in one of the school's health classes, open to freshmen through seniors.

Cindy Pharis, P.R.I.D.E. programs coordinator, is no stranger to the Face2Face technique. She has been taking pictures of students, morphing them into meth addicts and showing them on projector screens. She said she didn't bother to make lecturing part of her presentations, because the images had their own power and spoke for themselves. Pharis said it was eye-opening to see how quiet the students were while viewing their pictures.



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