

First Lady visits young drug abusers

CINCINNATI (AP)—Nancy Reagan said she'd seen the STRAIGHT Inc. drug rehabilitation program before in Florida, but her visit to 160 recovering youngsters and their families here touched her in the same way.

The first lady on Monday visited the group's facility at Mt. Repose, 25 miles east of Cincinnati.

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"We need you," Mrs. Reagan told the children. "You are the people who are going to run the world some day, and we want you clear-eyed and clear-minded."

STRAIGHT Inc., based in St. Petersburg, Fla., operates a rehabilitation program that uses peer pressure and peer counseling to try to persuade youths to abandon drug habits.