

Blaine County Community Health Action Team

Blaine County
2009

Coalition Priorities:

1. Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug Prevention
2. Resources for Disadvantaged Children
3. Positive Youth Development

About Us...

Blaine Co Community Health Action Team (BCCHAT) was originally developed as a Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, to address child welfare and substance abuse in the county. Due to awareness of needs within the county, the Task Force expanded to include the general, cultural and emotional welfare of the children and youth and community health. In 2002, The Task Force was designated a Turning Point Initiative and a Partner with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and renamed Blaine County Community Health Action Team. Partnership correspondingly expanded, including parents, schools, DHS, YWCA, community leaders, elected officials, county health dept, ministers, business community, youth, civic groups and Indian Health Services. In 2004, the needs of youth disabilities began to be addressed via a partnership with Sooner-Success and soon after partnered with Great Plains System of Care to begin helping children, youth and families function better at home, in school, in the community and throughout life. Blaine and Kingfisher counties partnered and awarded the Communities of Excellence grant which focuses on tobacco prevention and control. This grant is funded by TSET. The Kingfisher Health Dept serves as this projects fiscal agent while the Turning Point coalitions in each county serve as the community partnerships.

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Communities of Excellence grant through the TSET was awarded.
- ◆ Youth educated on the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices.
- ◆ Wrap Around services offered to high risk families through Systems of Care
- ◆ Engaged community coalition meeting on a regular basis with a plan to improve the health and well being of their residents.
- ◆ Developed workable action plan
- ◆ Hosted Crystal Darkness Campaign

Partners:

Blaine Co Commissioners
Rural Health Projects, Inc.
Blaine Kingfisher Tobacco
Education Collaborative
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
CASA
Sooner Start
Watonga Eagle Academy
Watonga Main Street
Watonga Chamber
Prevention Workz
Youth Care of Watonga
Red Rock APRC
Watonga Ministerial Alliance
Watonga Public Schools
Watonga Lions
Youth & Family Services
Great Plains Sys. of Care
OCCY

Blaine Co Health Dept
Blaine Co. OSU Extension
Blaine Co. Sheriff's Office
Canton Public Schools
Chisholm Trail Tech Center
City of Watonga
Diamondback Correctional Facility
Geary Public Schools
Office of Juvenile Affairs
Okeene Public Schools
Opportunities, Inc.
Sooner SUCCESS
Blaine County DHS
Blaine Co DA's Office
Watonga Police Department
Watonga Republican
Watonga Indian Health Serv
Watonga Kiwanis



Key Activities:

- Girl Power / Wise Guys
- Host Lunch and Learn
- Partnered w/ Kingfisher Co to apply for the TSET grant
- Promotion of the Make It Your Business campaign
- Sustained operation as an Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth Partnership Board, and as an Oklahoma Turning Point Partnership
- Youth Listening Luncheon
- Participated in the Tri-County Youth Conference
- 8th Grade Health Fair
- Sooner SUCCESS Autism Workshop
- Participated in International Walk to School Day
- Active SWAT Teams
- Promoted BCCHAT throughout county
- Hosted Farm to You exhibit
- Promoted Crystal Darkness Campaign
- Nationally known speaker, Gruen Von Brehrens, spoke to local schools about dangers of spit tobacco.