



# Blaine County Community Health Action Team

Blaine County

2011

## About Us...

Blaine County 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, judicial system, schools, DHS, community leaders, OSU Cooperative Extension Service, Youth and Family Services, elected officials, county health department, 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 County is very active in the community constantly looking to educate and impact the youth through positive youth development. The county-wide 8th grade health conference educates youth about mental, physical, and emotional health.

BCCHAT also assisted with Girl Power/Wise Guys for all 5th grade youth in Blaine County. These two mini-conferences separate youth by gender and youth attend breakout sessions that are specific to their gender. The breakout sessions for Girl Power included: Tobacco Prevention, Social Networking, Zumba, Mean Girls, Self-esteem, and identifying your personality 'color'. The young men attended Wise Guys where they learned about team building, tobacco prevention, character building, how to move more for better health and learned about boat and ATV safety from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

## Activities/Impact/Outcomes

- ◇ Communities of Excellence Grant in Tobacco Control - collaborative effort with Kingfisher Community Coalition
- ◇ Systems of Care Grant
- ◇ County-wide 8th Grade Health Conference
- ◇ 330 youth attended Farm to You with 25 volunteers who assisted and 18 teachers present.
- ◇ Watonga Middle School conducted a 'mock trial' for Kick Butts Day
- ◇ 97 children were pre-screened for the mobile dental van
- ◇ 24/7 Tobacco Free School policies passed
- ◇ Coalition members advocated for the passing of Clean Indoor Air and Youth Access Ordinances
- ◇ Suicide prevention and bullying education
- ◇ Girl Power/Wise Guys for all 5th graders in Blaine County
- ◇ Safe Routes to School grant—Canton
- ◇ CATCH Kids Club afterschool program—Canton
- ◇ TSET tobacco grant in partnership with KCC
- ◇ Tri-County Youth Conference



# Farm to You

## Partnership Priorities

- Positive Youth Development
- Increase Public Awareness
- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention Education



## Featured Intervention / Project

### **BCCHAT Officers**

*Cheri Laird,  
Chair*

*Allison Lafferty,  
Vice-Chair*

*Joy Rhodes,  
Secretary*

*Jona Arthur,  
Treasurer*

### **BCCHAT Meeting**

*1st Tuesday of every month from Noon-1pm at the Watonga United Methodist Church*

### **BK-TEC**

*Blaine/Kingfisher Tobacco Education Consortium meets the 3rd Monday of every month from Noon-1pm at the Federated Church in Kingfisher, OK*

Support System for Rural Homeless Youth (SSRHY) was developed by the Family Youth Services Bureau to serve youth ages 16-21, in rural areas who are approaching independence and young adulthood, but have few or no connections to a supportive family structure, or community. The Oklahoma BRIDGE to Independence is a

demonstration grant to develop support systems for rural homeless youth in Blaine and Kingfisher Counties.

*The Spot* offers support to youth by providing access to available resources, promoting healthy relationships and offering opportunities for education, employability skills, community service

and volunteer opportunities.

*The Spot* is a youth opportunity center in Watonga, Oklahoma for youth ages 16-21 in Blaine County. It is a safe, fun place to hang out with peers, to connect with resources and to gain opportunities for personal growth.

The Spotters are a group of youth lead-

ers from Watonga. They have been working hard since the beginning of this project to make *The Spot* the best it can be for the youth in this community. The Spotters are currently the advisory council for *The Spot* and have plans to complete other community projects in the upcoming year.

## Funding

### ◇ ***Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control***

***Purpose:*** To reduce tobacco use in Blaine and Kingfisher Counties

***Funding Period:*** Oct. 1, 2010 -Sept. 30, 2011

***Funder:*** TSET

### ◇ ***Systems of Care***

***Purpose:*** Agencies coming together to provide support for children and families who are experiencing mental, emotional, and behavioral issues

***Funding Period:*** Yearly

***Funder:*** ODMHSAS

### ◇ ***Safe Routes to School—Canton***

***Purpose:*** To reduce congestion near schools and to create sidewalks so children can bike and walk safely to school

***Funding Period:*** Yearly

***Funder:*** OK Department of Transportation

### ◇ ***Fuel Up to Play 60—Okeene***

***Purpose:*** To increase physical fitness among youth in Okeene

***Funding Period:*** As available

***Funder:*** National Football League