

# Greer County Turning Point Partnership

Greer County

2008

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Underage Drinking
2. Teen Pregnancy
3. Tobacco Prevention
4. Nutrition / Physical Activity

## About Us...

Parents in a small, Greer County town began meeting on their own at the local public school. They were becoming more and more alarmed about the behaviors they heard the youth in the community were involved in. They became a Turning Point partnership in 2007.

There initial strategies were to address underage drinking by getting the Social Host Ordinance passed in local communities. After extensive education, the towns of Granite and Mangum passed the Social Host Ordinance.

They also partnered with two other near by counties and were awarded the Communities of Excellence grant to address the tobacco issue at a local level.

They have given true meaning to Margaret Mead's quote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

## Partners:

Granite Police Dept	Southwest Oklahoma
Greer County Health Dept	Community Action
Granite Housing Authority	Group, Inc
Red Rock Area Prevention	Faith Community
Resource Center	Concerned Citizens
	Town of Granite

## Key Activities:

- ◆ Communities of Excellence grant
- ◆ Discussion and research on the Social Host Ordinance
- ◆ Door to door campaign to educate residents of the recently passed Social Host Ordinance
- ◆ Presented to City Councils regarding Social Host
- ◆ Grand Opening of Hiking Trail and Butterfly garden.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Partnered with neighboring counties and received year two of the Communities of Excellence Grant through TSET.
- ◆ Small group of committed, concerned citizens are meeting and planning in order to improve their community
- ◆ Grand Opening of the Hiking Trail and Butterfly Garden in Granite.
- ◆ Passed Social Host Ordinance in Granite and Mangum

