

**TURNING POINT INITIATIVE
COMMUNITY REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

November 2002

ATOKA COUNTY

- 2002 Activities
 - Partnership for Change project collaborative implemented
 - Open forum
 - Community Chest coalition partnership

- Outcomes
 - Identified key personnel on the local, state and federal level
 - Conducted an open forum for introductions and identification of barriers
 - Established current services available
 - Identified nutrition services that are not being met
 - Developed a general plan on the coalition could best function on the local level
 - Merged Partnership for Change Initiative with the Atoka Community Chest Coalition
 - Core groups formed to meet specific needs of the community
 - Core groups comprised of local partners
 - Increase WIC participation
 - Implemented a six month Media Campaign addressing nutrition services

- Future Plans
 - Expand the partnership
 - Expand the number of core groups to meet all needs of the community
 - Establish networking between service providers to meet identified needs
 - Identify and obtain funds to be used for this project not otherwise identified
 - Expand technology to other counties
 - Develop a three-year Strategic Plan for Coal and Atoka counties to include newly identified areas of need.

- Participants
 - USDA
 - Department of Agricultural
 - Regional Food Bank
 - Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point and WIC staff
 - Big Five Community Action Agency
 - OSU Extension
 - Choctaw Nation
 - Langston University

- Atoka County Commissioners
- Oklahoma State Department of Human Services
- Dayspring Church
- Oklahoma State Department of Education
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- INCA Community Action Agency
- Atoka County Health Department
- Atoka County Department of Human Services
- Head Start
- Senior Nutrition Center
- Atoka County Public School Systems
- Atoka County Fire Departments
- WIC clients and staff