

Cherokee County Cherokee County Community Health Coalition 2004

- **Activities**

- Began the Community Health Engagement Process (CHEP) with Oklahoma State University Extension.
- Coalition partnered with Tahlequah City Hospital, Health Services Council, Cherokee Nation Health Services, W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital, Cherokee Co. Health Department, Northeastern Oklahoma Community Health Centers, and Bill Willis Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and received the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality technology planning grant.
- NSU Health and Human Performance students interned with the coalition and helped with many activities.
- Cherokee Nation and the Coalition partnered and received the STEPS grant.
- Received the Tobacco grant funds.
- Northeastern Oklahoma Community Health Centers opened second facility next to the Tahlequah City Hospital and is currently seeing 60 patients a day in the 2 facilities.
- NOCHC has added discount prescriptions, psychiatric and dental services.
- NOCHC received \$583,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation to open a midwife birthing center.
- SWAT teams created a Cherokee County Smoke Free Dining Guide.
- Several hundred car seats were given out over the past year.
- Over two thousand people have participated in Walk This Weigh events throughout the year.

- **Outcomes**

- Through the AHRC grant and the CHEP process, the community partnership was able to recruit some new members to the coalition activities and engage them in community events.
- Through Walk This Weigh activities the Cherokee Nation has agreed to combine the WINGS program with WTW. Also, they have received funding to start TNT – Trim Native Teens – in conjunction with WINGS and WTW.
- The Health Services Council received a grant for mental health activities that will begin after the first of the year.

- **Future Plans**

- Continue to enhance current activities with the Head Start program, WINGS, STEPS and WTW.
- Implement the tobacco program that was granted funding through the trust fund.
- Once the CHEP process is complete the coalition will re-evaluate some of the activities and readjust the strategic plan for the county.

- **Participants**

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| ➤ Cherokee Nation | ➤ Tahlequah Public Schools |
| ➤ Northeastern State University | ➤ Hulbert Public Schools |
| ➤ Cookson Hills Head Start | ➤ Tenkiller Public Schools |
| ➤ Cherokee County Health Department | ➤ Keys Public Schools |
| ➤ OSU Extension | ➤ State Representative |
| ➤ Hastings Hospital | ➤ Cookson Hills Methodist Church |
| ➤ Tahlequah City Hospital | ➤ Local Business Leaders |