

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

November 2001

**COAL COUNTY**

- 2001 Activities
  - Partnership for Change project collaborative started
  - Open forum
  - Applying for smoke alarm grant
  
- 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
  - Core groups formed to meet specific needs of the community
  - Core groups comprised of local partners
  
- Future Plans
  - Expand the partnership
  - Expand the number of core groups to meet all needs of the community
  - Marketing and promotion of existing services possibly utilizing OSU Ext. to provide 50 resource manuals, billboards owned by Choctaw Nation, advertisement on public transportation vans, newspapers, radio, mail inserts, Choctaw Nation newsletters, and other media outlets
  - Establish networking between service providers to meet identified needs
  - Identify and obtain funds to be used for this project not otherwise identified
  - Establish focus groups to advise the coalition of barriers and needs from their perspective, and evaluate the program from their perspective.
  - Conduct a blind survey of clientele and compare findings with those identified by the focus groups.
  - Establish a senior nutrition sub-committee of all service organizations that serve the elderly.
  - Attempt to provide comparable nutritional packages for all WIC clients receiving services through Choctaw Nation and the State WIC programs.
  
- Participants
  - USDA
  - Department of Agricultural
  - Regional Food Bank
  - Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point and WIC staff

- Big Five Community Action Agency
- OSU Ext.
- Choctaw Nation
- Langston University
- Coal County Commissioners
- Oklahoma State Department of Human Services
- Dayspring Church
- Oklahoma State Department of Education
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- INCA Community Action Agency
- Coal County Health Department
- Coal County Department of Human Services
- Head Start
- Senior Nutrition Center
- Coal County Public School Systems
- Coal County Fire Departments