

CALL TO ACTION

The *2014 State of the State's Health Report* represents a rallying cry for continued, concentrated actions that will result in improved health for all Oklahomans. Change often takes time. We have seen over the past several years that while our investments in prevention have resulted in positive outcomes, much more work is needed.

Key health status indicators are improving, such as infant mortality and smoking rates. This is a cause for celebration. Yet, we still see many challenges that require us to redouble our efforts, engage our community partners, and focus on the flagship issues of the *Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan*. It is only through strong, deliberate, and ongoing interventions that we will see a turnabout from a

state with poor health status indicators to one of the healthiest states in the nation.

We ask that you continue to work with us to improve the health of all our residents by engaging in efforts such as *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* and *Shape Your Future*. Without question, there is uncertainty about the future of health-related policies and actions on a national level. But this only confirms the need for more intensified efforts right here in Oklahoma. Our future generations are depending on us and by joining together through local Turning Point coalitions (see appendix), communities of faith, schools, businesses, and community leaders, we will make a difference and *Create a State of Health*.



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