



Comanche County  
Health Department

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## Congratulations to Comanche County's Certified Healthy Oklahoma Awardees

Comanche County Health Department is proud to announce that 67 local entities have been awarded Certified Healthy status for 2015. *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* is a free statewide certification that recognizes entities going above and beyond to make health and wellness a priority for all. The program is open to businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, restaurants, and schools.

A crucial factor to improving the health of Oklahomans is providing a variety of opportunities for residents to make healthier choices where they live, work, learn, play, and pray. *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* meets this challenge by recognizing a wide variety of entities that encourage health-focused behaviors and policies.

"These certifications provide opportunities for Comanche County to create environments that support health policies and individual health decisions that ultimately will improve Oklahoma's health outcomes," said Brandie O'Connor. "We applaud all *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* recipients for making the healthy choice the easy choice and for helping to create a culture of wellness in their communities."

Certifications are awarded at the Basic, Merit, and Excellence levels, dependent upon number of criteria fulfilled. The following entities received recognition by the *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* program, sorted by program area and certification level:

### **Certified Healthy Business (Excellence)**

City of Grandfield  
Comanche County Health Department  
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation  
Great Plains Technology Center  
IHS USPHS Lawton Indian Hospital  
Jim Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center  
OSU Cooperative Extension  
Southwestern Medical Center  
Town of Chattanooga  
Town of Fletcher  
Town of Tipton  
Cotton County Health Department  
Indiahoma School





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**Certified Healthy Business (Merit)**

Cache Public School  
Roadback, Inc.  
City of Lawton  
City National Bank & Trust  
Wichita Mountains Prevention Network  
Town of Sterling  
Town of Indianahoma

**Certified Healthy Business (Basic)**

Buttons & Bows Children's Resale Shop  
Wavel L. Wells DDS, Inc.

**Certified Healthy Campus (Excellence)**

Cameron University

**Certified Healthy Community (Excellence)**

Town of Indianahoma  
Town of Sterling

**Certified Healthy Community (Merit)**

City of Lawton  
Town of Fletcher

**Certified Healthy Congregation (Excellence)**

United In Christ Discipleship International

**Certified Healthy Early Childhood Program (Excellence)**

Crossroads Youth and Family Services  
Kid Central Early Childhood & School Age Center  
Tara's Tiny Tots

**Certified Healthy Early Childhood Program (Merit)**

Grierson Child Development Center  
Tincher Child Development Center  
Wonder Years  
Angels Childcare Home  
Cooper Child Development Center  
FCC Home  
Mandys Family Child Care  
Creative Moments Inc.  
Bus Stop LLC

**Certified Healthy Early Childhood Program (Basic)**

Debbie's Home Daycare  
Ft. Sill School Age Center  
Scissortail Day School





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**Certified Healthy Schools (Excellence)**

Eisenhower Middle School  
Indiahoma Elementary School  
Indiahoma High School  
Lawton Public Schools  
MacArthur High School  
MacArthur Middle School  
Lawton High School  
Freedom Elementary  
Pat Henry  
Eisenhower Middle School

**Certified Healthy Schools (Merit)**

Cache 5/6 Center  
Cache High School  
Cache Intermediate School  
Cache Middle School  
Cache Primary School  
Central Middle School  
Flower Mound Elementary  
Tomlinson Middle School  
Sterling Public School

All award winners will be acknowledged at a ceremony and luncheon at the Embassy Suites in Norman on March 2, 2016 and will be listed on the Oklahoma State Department of Health website.

The *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* program is a joint effort of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, The State Chamber, The Oklahoma Academy, Oklahoma Turning Point Council, and additional partners who are helping to shape a healthier future for Oklahoma.

The 2016 application opens on August 1<sup>st</sup> and can be found at [www.certifiedhealthyok.com](http://www.certifiedhealthyok.com) at that time, along with criteria details and additional information.

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