

Carter County Turning Point Coalition

Carter County

2009



Coalition Priorities:

- ◆ Community Health
- ◆ Violence Prevention
- ◆ Infrastructure Development
- ◆ Youth Health & Development
- ◆ Parenting Skills/Education
- ◆ Tobacco Prevention
- ◆ Substance Abuse Prevention

Key Activities:

- Homeless Shelter/Mental Health Svcs.
- Emergency Shelter
- Tobacco Prevention and Control
- Smokefree Babies Campaign
- SWAT (Activities) Race Car
- Cessation Classes
- Kick Butts Day Basketball Tournament
- Local Chantix Campaign
- Crystal Darkness Campaign—METH
- Substance Abuse Conference
- Health Equities/Disparities
- Minority Health ~ Youth Speak Out
- Abstinence Education ~ Teen Conf.
- Underage Drinking/Drug Prevention
- Parent Education Workshops
- Health Education ~ Social Host Law
- Domestic Violence Education/Outreach
- Violence Education in Local Schools

Partners:

- Business
- Industry
- Media
- Hospital
- Health Care Professionals
- Non-Profit Agencies
- Public Health Professionals
- Faith Based Community
- Homeless Facility Staff
- Foundations
- Law Enforcement
- Elected Officials
- Social Services Agencies
- Higher Education Institutes
- Public Schools
- Civic Organizations
- Volunteers
- Youth/Parents
- Tobacco Prevention Programs
- Substance Abuse Programs
- Tribal Partners
- City Government
- Children Shelter
- Youth Services
- Area Prev. Resource Center
- Abstinence Education Programs
- CASA
- Medical Professionals

About Us...

The Carter County Turning Point Coalition began in 1998. Early partners included public and private partners such as local law enforcement officials, hospital leadership, education representatives, concerned citizens and local business owners. The group prioritized community problems such as drug and tobacco usage along with limited outdoor exercise trails and the high rate of teen pregnancy.

In the Spring of 2008 the Carter County Turning Point Coalition revitalized it's membership by hosting a Community Forum that engaged participants to identify community health and social issues that impact individuals quality of life. The Forum was very well attended and served many purposes. It enhanced collaboration among current members, it identified new community stakeholders and provided a process for everyone's voice to be heard. A facilitator guided a process that identify the coalition's priority issues and provided a setting for discussion to get input and ideas for implementation of efforts to improve the status of each priority area. In the months following the Summit, the coalition adopted by-laws, developed working committees for each of the seven identified priority areas and completed the development of a strategic plan for implementing the programs/activities to address each priority. Over the last year the coalition has grown to be recognized as the "go-to" place to get the community involved to truly make a positive difference in where they live, work and play.



↑ The **Grace Day Center** living room area.
↓ Smoke free Babies campaign with local Hospital for pregnant/new mothers



Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Southeastern Okla. Technology Center, Mercy Hospital, skate park and regional ball fields and YMCA facilities went Tobacco Free
- ◆ 80% of Carter County Schools are 24/7 Tobacco Free
- ◆ Valero Refinery Provides pharmacotherapy and incentives to encourage cessation
- ◆ Clean Indoor Air and Youth Access Ordinances adopted in Ardmore
- ◆ Several organizations have signed No-Tobacco Sponsorship policies
- ◆ Salvation Army opens a women's shelter in July 2009, to date, 23 women have been provided housing as well as five families.
- ◆ The Grace Day Center opened in September 2009 with shelter for women & children and has shower and laundry facilities as well as telephone and mail boxes for the homeless to have an address to use when completing job applications. All shelters in the South Central Oklahoma area now have referrals for food, clothing and mental health facilities.
- ◆ The Infrastructure committee plans to seek a way to be their own Continuum of Care to enable them to apply for State/Federal funding for transitional and permanent housing for the mentally ill.
- ◆ Hosted 16th Annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil in April, 2009
- ◆ Recd Grant from Mayor's Anti-Crime Task Force
- ◆ Provided a Hispanic Interpreter for Officers in Carter and Surrounding Counties
- ◆ Completing 501-C-3 application process for Domestic Violence Task Force
- ◆ Sponsored a Batterers Presenter to speak to the Department of Corrections Re-entry Program
- ◆ Speaker Pat Dewbre, Domestic Violence Gunshot Victim, spoke in four Schools



Pat Dewbre, a domestic violence victim, discusses her experiences.