

# Love County Community Coalition

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2009

## Coalition Priorities:

- ◆ COMMUNITY VITALITY
- ◆ VIOLENCE PREVENTION
- ◆ HEALTHY FAMILIES
- ◆ COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
- ◆ COMMUNITY HEALTH AND FITNESS

## About Us...

A Child Abuse Prevention Task Force that has been meeting monthly since 1991 became the Turning Point Partnership. In 2009, the group contributed significant volunteerism and time on child abuse prevention, domestic violence prevention, substance abuse prevention, mental health services, and in support of Systems of Care. A major undertaking was development of a Strategic Plan, the adoption of bylaws and a name change ensued. Now identifying their partnership as the Love Co. Community Coalition.



Marietta Police Chief ~ Linda Johnson, and Reserve Officer ~ Toi Bone assisting with the fingerprinting process table of the Love County Health Fair for Children. Parents retain the fingerprint card to be utilized by law enforcement in case of a lost or abducted child.

## Partners:

Area Prevention Resource Center  
Bethel Union Baptist Church  
Community Children's Shelter  
CASA of Southern Oklahoma  
Department of Human Services  
Family Shelter of Southern Oklahoma  
First Christian Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Greenville School System  
Juvenile Services  
Lake County Nursing Home  
Leadership Love County  
Love County Chamber of Commerce  
Love County Children's Review Board  
Love County District Attorney  
Love County Health Department  
Love County Multidisciplinary Team  
Love County Sheriff  
Love County System of Care  
Marietta City  
Marietta Lions Club  
Marietta Police Department  
Marietta School System  
Mental Health Services of SE Ok.  
Mercy Health/Love County  
OSU Extension Services  
Thackerville School System  
Turner School System  
Okla. Commission on Children & Youth  
211 ~ Sooner Start  
Big Five C.A.A. (RSVP, Head Bank)  
Start, Weatherization and Food

## Key Activities:

- ◆ Crystal Darkness campaign. The group organized eight rallies the night of January 13 for viewing and discussion of the dramatic documentary on methamphetamine use in Oklahoma. This was followed with replays of the program and panel discussions in all four Love County schools the following day. The hospital hosted a panel of experts for community leaders preceding the organizational sessions. The event included a tour of the hospital's decontamination unit.
- ◆ Annual Child Abuse Prevention Puppet show. The program, put on locally by area high school students and Community Children's Shelter counselors, was seen for the 15th year by all school children, grades pre-K-6. A Blue Ribbon week luncheon and promotion engaged RSVP in developing 4,800 ribbons as the coalition honored all area professionals engaged in child and family education of social services.
- ◆ Following a "Keeping Fit in Coalition Work" self-assessment, the group spent the summer engaged in Strategic Planning. Bylaws were adopted and a name change to Love County Community Coalition followed.
- ◆ Medicare Part D assistance. Four years ago, a coalition of hospital, clinic, DHS, Health Dept., county's only pharmacy and volunteers began offering free plan finding assistance to seniors eligible for the new prescription drug plan. Open enrollment occurs each November and December. An estimated 600 people have been aided with savings of \$100K.
- ◆ Candlelight Vigil—celebrated during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- ◆ E911 Campaign—Love County voters go to the polls Dec. 8 to approve telephone service fees for upgrade of system.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ SUSTAINED ATTENTION TO CHILD ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION
- ◆ SUSTAINED BROAD-BASED COALITION
- ◆ ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS
- ◆ STRATEGIC PLAN AND NAME CHANGE TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE