



About Us...

Beaver County Partner's in Progress (BPIP), located in Beaver, a rural community in the Oklahoma panhandle, began in 2002 with a specific goal of establishing a Wellness Center in their community. The Beaver River Wellness Corporation was established, became a 501c3 and land was donated for the center. However due to the enormity of the project and lack of funding, progress has been halted. Since that time the partnership has struggled for a focus and ability to gain back the momentum it once had. The coalition meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at noon. This past spring the coalition underwent a name change, elected a new chair

and promoted the partnership to the community. The coalition wanted to separate from being the wellness center group to a group that works to improve other health outcomes in their county. This has proven to be a hard barrier to cross and unfortunately the new chair had to resign due to work commitments so currently the position is open. Our focus is working on building the partnership by getting local people involved. Many of those attending are agency people and are not connected with the community.

The community is very supportive of the Walk this Weigh event the coalition sponsors

every year. It finished in June and close to 100 people participated and businesses donated over \$2,000 for prizes. The coalition also continues to work with the Systems of Care team to build their referrals. The coalition also worked with the Area Prevention Resource Center and local law enforcement to pass a Social Host Ordinance in Beaver.



Partnership Priorities

- Partnership development
- Promote Systems of Care
- Physical Activity



Community Profile: Strengths and Challenges

Beaver County Partners in Progress has mostly worked in the Beaver community. One challenge is to reach out to the other areas of the county. There are four school districts in Beaver County and the communities associated with these schools are very small.

A strength is the community will get behind certain projects. The coalition has experienced success on specific projects such as Walk this Weigh and a car seat check in which the community pulled together enough

funds to purchase 25 car seats for the check. The struggle is getting the community to understand the “big picture” and be involved in the coalition not just in the projects. The coalition can be beneficial to all involved. Many times the coalition has agency representation, which most do not live in Beaver County, but not additional partners who live in the county.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people could change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

Description of Assessments

In the spring of 2010 the coalition completed a community health status assessment to gain an understanding of the community’s perceived health issues and concerns. Substance abuse issues were at the top the list with underage drinking being the number one issue in the community. The coalition is beginning the MAPP process and are currently looking for creative ways to engage the community to build the partnership.

Featured Intervention / Project

Beaver Police Department, City of Beaver, Beaver Partners in Progress, Beaver County Ministerial Alliance and Northwest Center for Behavioral Health Area Prevention Resource Center (APRC) sponsored a Block Party to focus awareness on the recently passed Social Host Ordinance in Beaver, and the underage abuse of alcohol. The Block Party

had to be moved inside due to rain with free hotdogs and drinks being provided. This event was part of a statewide effort called Prevention / Recovery 77 Week. It was to bring awareness to National Alcohol & Drug



Addiction Recovery Month. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in Oklahoma. This initiative wants to educate Oklahomans in all 77 counties on the impor-

tance of prevention and treatment for addictive disorders. The block party was a success with over 50 people attending and were able to learn more about the dangers of underage drinking and how the recently passed social host ordinance holds accountable those who provide minors a place to consume alcohol.

Funding

Impact

- ◇ ***Systems of Care***
- ◇ ***Provide services to families that have children with emotional or behavioral issues***
- ◇ ***September 2010 to September 2011(annual)***
- ◇ ***Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service***
- ◇ ***\$60,000***

Norms changing on underage drinking through social host ordinance in Beaver

Community highly supportive of physical activity endeavors

Local businesses donate over \$2000 for Walk this Weigh event

Law enforcement supportive attended meetings regularly after passing social host ordinance



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City of Beaver
Local citizens
OSU Extension
Northwest APRC
OEDA
Western Plains Youth and Family Services
Area Agency on Aging
First Security Bank
Bank of Beaver City
Beaver County Health Department
OSDH Turning Point Staff
Opportunities, Inc
Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Partnership Outcomes



- Approximately 100 people participated in Walk this Weigh
30 people attended a kick-off luncheon promoting Beaver Partners in Progress
50 people attended the Social Host block party