



Blaine County Community Health Action Team

Blaine County

2013

About Us...

Blaine County Community Health Action Team (BCCHAT) is an active coalition working toward improving the health of residents in Blaine County.

Blaine County is ranked 36 out of 77 counties in Oklahoma, according to the 2012 Oklahoma County Health Rankings. This is a great improvement since 2010, when Blaine County ranked 56th in county rankings.

BCCHAT have focused their efforts on positive youth development, tobacco education, prevention and cessation, ATOD prevention and education and most recently, child's health.

This year, BCCHAT, in partnership with the local Health Department, was awarded \$20,000 to share with Kingfisher and Logan Counties to work on Infant Mortality. Members of BCCHAT chose to focus their efforts on a community baby shower and car seat safety check and installation event. Over 200 expectant moms, moms, grandmas, dads, children, and friends showed up to participate and learn about the great resources their community has to offer them to help in raising a healthy baby.

Blaine County is very active in the community constantly looking to educate and impact the youth through positive youth development. The county-wide 8th grade health conference educates youth about mental, physical, and emotional health. BCCHAT also assisted with Girl Power/Wise Guys for all 5th grade youth in Blaine County.

Blaine County also is a CO-parent coalition to the funded TSET Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control. Blaine-Kingfisher Tobacco Education Consortium (BK-TEC) works on tobacco education, prevention and cessation within communities, schools and businesses. This year because ALL of Blaine County schools are Tobacco Free 24-7, each school had the opportunity to apply for the Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program. 7 of the 9 public schools in Blaine were certified through the program and Watonga Public Schools as a district was awarded the Certified Healthy Oklahoma Schools incentive grant money through the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, (TSET)

Blaine County continues to have the federal funding for the Support System for Rural Homeless Youth developed by the Family Youth Services Bureau. This year

will be the last year of the grant. Through this funding *The Spot* was created, a youth opportunity center in Watonga for youth ages 16-21 to have a safe, fun place to learn and gain resources for personal growth. This past summer *The Spot* hosted a 2 week Professional Development Academy where youth learned tasks and skills to better their job skills. Community volunteers presented various job skills to the youth throughout the course and many of the employers in the community are allowing the youth to come and work for them for a week to learn the skills hands-on. This opportunity has and will continue to lead to productive, skilled, and confident youth to help the economic growth of Blaine County.

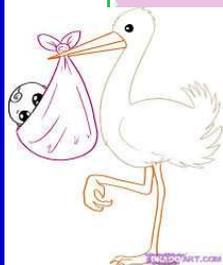


You Are Invited!!

1st Annual Community Baby Shower

Blaine County Fairgrounds

All Welcome



Partnership Priorities

- ◇ Positive Youth Development
- ◇ Tobacco Control
- ◇ Education, Prevention and Wellness
- ◇ Public Relations
- ◇ ATOD Prevention & Education Efforts
- ◇ Child's Health

**Blaine County
Community
Health Action
Team meeting:**

*1st Tuesday of
every month from
12:00-1:00pm*

*Watonga United
Methodist Church*

*Jona Arthur-
Chair*

VISION

*To enhance the
quality of life of
all citizens of
Blaine County.*

**Other Sources of
Funding**

- ◇ Sooner Success
- ◇ Systems of Care
- ◇ OCCY Board Operations
- ◇ Fuel Up to Play 60-Okeene
- ◇ Infant Mortality
"Preparing for a
Lifetime" Campaign
- ◇ Family Youth Services Bureau- *The Spot*
- ◇ RPC- *Resource Prevention Center*

Activities

- 8th Grade Health Conference
- 5th grade Girl Power/Wise Guys
- Fuel Up to Play 60
- Canton All Stars-After School Program
- Catch Kids After School
- International Walk to School
- Coalition Membership Recruitment
- Community Baby Shower
- Car Seat Safety Check and Installation
- Community Awareness Booth
- Tobacco Prevention
- Media Campaigns for Healthy Living
- SWAT-Students Working Against Tobacco
- KICK Butts Day
- Disability Awareness Simulation
- Tar Wars

Outcomes/Impacts

ALL 4 public schools in Blaine County are Tobacco Free 24-7

City of Watonga, Canton, Geary and Okeene all have Clean Indoor Ordinances and Prevention of Youth Access Ordinances that mirror the state law

Over 200 participants in the first every Community Baby Shower

Over 100 youth participated in International Walk to School Day for Blaine County.

Youth received food pantry assistance in Watonga Public Schools.

Youth Jobs through The Spot

Educated over 100 Blaine County 5th and 8th graders on different health topics

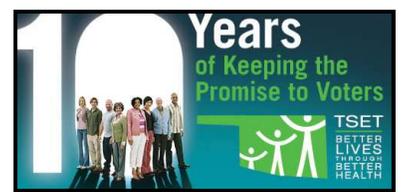
Partnerships

- Turning Point
- Blaine County Health Department
- School Nurse for Okeene, Canton, Watonga
- Blaine County OSU-EXT
- Sooner Success
- Blaine County Public Schools
- The Spot
- Opportunities Inc.
- Systems of Care Red-Rock
- Red Rock Prevention Resource Center
- OJA-Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs
- Department of Human Services
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- Ministerial Alliance
- Blaine-Kingfisher Tobacco Education Consortium
- Blaine County Judge
- Blaine County DA Office
- Parent
- Mercy Hospital- Watonga
- Varagon Academy
- Ok Family Network
- Watonga Chamber of Commerce

FUNDING

**Communities of
Excellence in
Tobacco Control**

**Blaine-Kingfisher Tobacco
Education Consortium
\$154,000.00**



BK-TEC meets:

**3rd Monday of each month
12:00-1:00pm
OSU-Extension Office
Kingfisher, OK**