



# Blaine County Community Health Action Team

Blaine County

2012

## About Us...

Blaine County Community Health Action Team (BCCHAT) was originally developed as a Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, to address child welfare and substance abuse in the county. Due to awareness of needs within the county, the Task Force expanded to include the general, cultural and emotional welfare of the children and youth and com-munity health. In 2002, the Task Force was designated a Turning Point Initiative and a partner with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and renamed Blaine County Community Health Action Team. Partnership correspondingly expanded, including parents, judicial system, schools, DHS, community leaders, OSU Cooperative Extension Service, Youth and Family Services, elected officials, county health department, ministers, business community, youth, civic groups and Indian Health Services. In 2004, the needs of youth disabilities began to be addressed via a partnership with Sooner Success and soon after partnered with Great Plains System of Care to begin helping children, youth and families function better at home, in school, in the community and throughout life.

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. This year the Student Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) teams of Canton and Watonga were able to get their schools to become a 24-7 Tobacco Free School. Which helped to make all of Blaine County Public Schools Tobacco Free 24-7.

Okeene Public Schools currently holds the Fuel Up to Play 60 funding through the Oklahoma Diary Max and the NFL. This year Okeene won a video submission award and was rewarded with the appearance and presentation by a NFL player to motivate the kids to be active and eat right. The School Nurse and long time coalition member Melissa Powell, was also awarded the Oklahoma Fuel Up to Play 60 Advisor of Year award. Through fun and education, Melissa has taught kids to be healthy while having fun.

Blaine County continues to have the federal funding for the Support System for Rural Homeless Youth developed by the Family Youth Services Bureau. 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 will hopefully lead to learning growth for the youth as well as possible job placement.

BCCHAT also initiated the Back Pack Food program in the Okeene and Watonga Grade Schools and assisted in the organization of a Food Pantry for hungry youth at the Watonga Middle and High School.



## Partnership Priorities

- ◇ Positive Youth Development
- ◇ Tobacco Control
- ◇ Education, Prevention and Wellness
- ◇ Public Relations
- ◇ Food Pantry/Back Pack Food Program
- ◇ ATOD Prevention & Education Efforts

**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
- ◇ Safe Routes to School-Canton

**Activites**

- 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
- Safe Routes to School Canton
- Coalition Membership Recruitment
- Health Fairs
- Community Awareness Booth
- Tobacco Prevention
- Media Campaigns for Healthy Living
- SWAT-Students Working Against Tobacco
- KICK Butts Day
- Back Pack Food Program/Food Pantry
- Disability Awareness Simulation
- Tri-County Judges Youth Conference
- OK Freewheel Bike Ride-Volunteers

**Outcomes/Impacts**

Tobacco Free Schools 24-7 Policy Passed this year.

- ◇ Watonga Public Schools
- ◇ Canton Public Schools

All Blaine County Public Schools are Tobacco Free 100%.

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 OK Freewheel and The Spot

Attended Sooner Success Fall Workshop

**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

**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**

**Federated Church  
Kingfisher OK**