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## **Canadian County Coalition for Children & Families Receives \$1,000 Grant to Promote Social Host**

The Canadian County for Children and Families Coalition was recently awarded a \$1,000 Grant from the Oklahoma Prevention Policy Alliance to promote the Oklahoma Social Host Law in Canadian County.

The funds will be used to purchase media materials, such as flyers, banners, t-shirts, and media ads to promote the social host laws. Coalitions will determine the best way to disseminate the materials in their community.

The Social Host Law, also known as Cody's Law, provides stronger penalties for individuals who knowingly allow underage drinking in their homes or on their property. With the statewide social host law, all youth across the state of Oklahoma are better protected against the dangers of underage drinking.

The Social Host Law provides a misdemeanor and fine of up to \$500 for the first violation and a fine of up to \$1,000 for a second. Further violations can result in up to five years in prison and a fine of \$2,500. If a violation of Cody's Law results in bodily injury or death, a social host will face a fine of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and up to five years of incarceration,

House Bill 1211 is named after Cody Greenhaw, a Tulsa teenager who died from a drug and alcohol overdose. Both chambers of the Legislature passed House Bill 1211 unanimously. The legislation took effect Nov. 1, 2011.

For more information on the Social Host Law or the Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) please contact Red Rock RPC Director, Michelle Bugg, at (405)-354-1928 ext. 203 or visit the RPC website at [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com). Red Rock RPC takes a proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities, specifically underage drinking, adult binge drinking, and the non-medical use of prescription drugs. They

identify factors in a community that cause the risk of substance abuse and work to promote protective factors that serve to minimize the risk of substance use/abuse.

For more information on the Canadian County Coalition, please contact Billie Linam at [Billie-Linam@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Billie-Linam@ouhsc.edu). Canadian County Coalition for Children & Families was founded in 1996 to improve the quality of life for children, youth, and families through the coordination of community services with a focus on child abuse prevention and community health. The coalition meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. at the Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in El Reno, Oklahoma.