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A Positive Place

What makes a Boys and Girls Club Unique?

Clubs are community-based and building-centered. Clubs provide a safe, affordable place for young people during non-school hours and the summer. Clubs are led by paid, trained youth development professionals.

The Boys and Girls Club of LeFlore County (BGCLC) has that and more with key activities like Smart Moves Triple Play and Power Hour students get knowledge of drug and alcohol prevention, exercise and diet and homework help.

The BGCLC was founded through a vision of the LeFlore County Coalition for Healthy Living (LCCHL) and governed by a board of directors to ensure not only quality and safety but to help create future leaders for tomorrow.

The Coalition strives to create a healthy and safe environment for all citizens in the county. With programs like Systems of Care, ATOD prevention efforts, Adolescent Health Conference and Coalition Infrastructure Development the coalition helps the county to deal with important issues that plague our young people today.

The LeFlore County Coalition for Healthy Living is a unique partnership of community organizations, agencies, mental health providers, business professionals, family members, and individuals committed to improving the quality of life for children and families residing in LeFlore County.

The Coalition is actively striving to make LeFlore County a healthier place to live through efforts including establishing a local Boy's and Girl's Club, drug prevention initiatives, school readiness programs, educating and empowering area youth, funding and implementing Systems of Care program and providing education to the community. This county wide coalition is working to promote healthy living for our neighbors, friends and families.

The BGCLC thanks the LCCHL for all the hard work and dedication they have put forth to helping LeFlore County be not only a positive place for kids but a positive place for everyone.

For more information on the LCCHL contact the Boys and Girls Club office at 918-647-8298.

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