

OCWC Members bring home the Gold second year in a row

The 17th Annual Turning Point State Conference was recently held at the Reed Center in Midwest City. This year's conference theme was "Going for the Gold in Health" with Shannon Miller, America's most decorated gymnast as keynote speaker. Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition (OCWC) representatives brought home the gold again, as OCWC received the "Community Champion Award" in the category of tobacco use prevention.

The award was given for the Tobacco Free City Property Ordinance/Pick up Party. This past April the Okmulgee City Council passed an ordinance that makes all city-owned property tobacco free, including the city-owned parks. The Coalition celebrated the new ordinance by hosting a "Pick up Party" at the Okmulgee Municipal Park. OCWC members picked up tobacco litter around the playground and parking lot area. OCWC would like to thank the Okmulgee City Council for being proactive in the area of health by passing the Tobacco Free City Property Ordinance.

The Tobacco Prevention program works towards passing policies and educating the public on the deceptive practices of the tobacco industry. For more information on implementing policies within local businesses, communities, and schools contact the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition's Tobacco Prevention Program at 918-756-1883 x 138.

