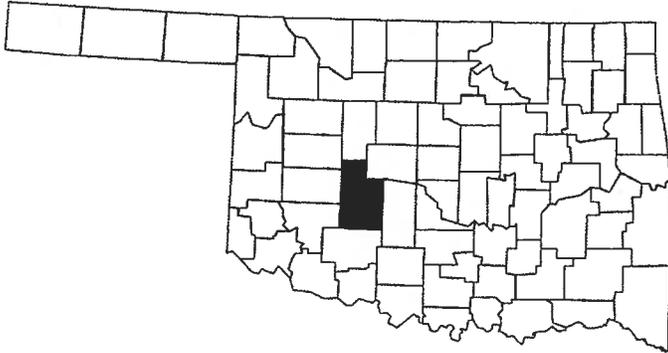


CADDO COUNTY—HYDRO

COMMON GROUND, A TURNING POINT PARTNERSHIP

Established in October 2002



One day in October 2002, a community church pastor went searching for alcohol and drug prevention services and stumbled onto the Turning Point philosophy. He quickly convened a group of community leaders in the Hydro community. The group conducted a needs assessment survey and named their partnership Common Ground. Common Ground's mission is to improve the community's physical, emotional, and spiritual health by working on common issues. The Ministerial Alliance took a leadership role and recruited the Community Club and the not for profit Nursing Home, Maple Lawn Manor, to join together to sponsor a first ever health fair and blood drive to promote awareness of community needs. Held at the nursing home the health fair attracted over 100 visitors and was the largest blood drive ever in Hydro.

Activities

- Developed Partnership.
- Conducted community health assessment.
- Conducted community health needs assessment.
- Set priorities for partnership.
 - Drug Prevention
 - Grief Support
 - Access to Services
 - Economic Development
 - Clean Indoor Air
 - Physical Activity
- Advocated for County Seat to change policy and offer increased rural transportation in Hydro.
- Conference with Commissioner of Mental Health to review lack of mental health services, particularly drug and alcohol rehabilitation counseling.

Outcomes

- Clean Indoor Air Statute passed.
- Health Fair established which provided cardiovascular screening and prevention education; College of Nursing provided health services as part of community health curriculum; first time college had linked with rural community for clinical practice.
- Established a grief support group staffed by eight churches working cooperatively.

Future Plans

- Continued growth of partnership.
- Develop Community Health Improvement Plan based on assessments.

Participants

- Community Church
- Hydro Public Schools
- Community Club
- Community Volunteers
- Nursing Home
- Mennonite Church
- Hydro Pharmacy
- Realtors
- Insurance Agency