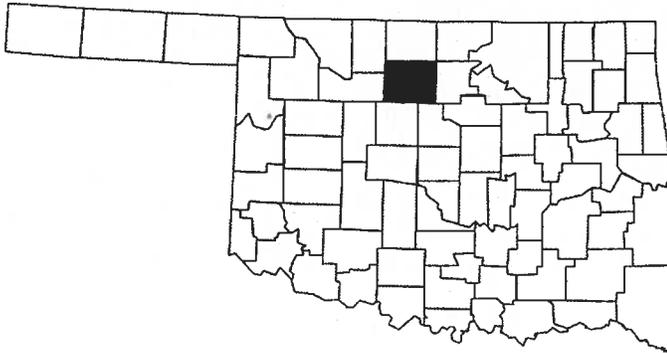


GARFIELD COUNTY

ENID METRO. AREA HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Affiliated with Turning Point Initiative in 2001



The Enid Metropolitan Area Human Service Commission was established for a number of years. They affiliated with Turning Point in 2001. They meet on a regular basis to survey the needs and strengths of the community.

Activities

- Coordinated Americorps volunteers in storm debris removal.
- Received emergency grant for limb removal for disabled and elderly.
- Created new on-line community resources directory.
- Helped in formation of new Advisory Board for senior citizens' center.
- Coordinated community funding to provide required match for two Department of Human Services social workers out-stationed in schools.
- Arranged funding for re-instatement of two School and Family.
- Enrichment (SAFE) counselors employed by Enid Public Schools programs.
- Began large-scale community needs survey.
- Submitted application for a substance abuse treatment planning grant.
- Coordinated funding for continuation of physician services in Enid schools.
- Out-stationed a full-time Families In Tune Specialist at one school to provide support services related to implementation of the Schools Attuned initiative.

Outcomes

- Volunteers completed clean up of 160 yards for elderly and disabled residents.
- All local service organizations now have free on-line access to information about community resources; and information can be kept current much more easily than in printed form.

- Senior Center services are becoming more accessible to larger numbers of eligible citizens.
- Out-stationed social workers are now facilitating access to services for families through outreach from six Enid schools.
- SAFE counselors are providing individual, group, and family counseling for students at four schools (in addition to services of regular school counselors).
- Feedback from key informants and clients is being compiled, along with large amounts of census and other data in preparation of a report on community needs.
- Wellness Centers and neuro-developmental assessments are being continued with a pediatrician on-site one half-day each week in five elementary schools, with replacement funding from another source.
- Family involvement at school increasing with the assistance of Families In Tune Specialist.

Future Plans

- Complete community's needs assessment and develop recommendations for action.
- Develop strategy for creation of local substance abuse treatment facility.
- Complete data entry and maintain resources directory.
- Increase access to health care services for the uninsured indigent.

Participants

- Advance Foods
- City of Enid
- Community Development Support Association
- County of Garfield
- Department of Human Services
- Enid Chamber of Commerce
- Enid Development Alliance
- Enid Family Medicine Clinic
- Enid Public Schools
- Garfield County Health Department
- INTEGRIS Bass Baptist Hospital
- Northern Oklahoma College
- Northern Oklahoma Resource Center
- Northwest Oklahoma Osteopathic Foundation
- Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- Oklahoma Blood Institute
- Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
- United Way of Enid and Northwest Oklahoma
- Youth & Family Services