

JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM

Established in 2002



The Jackson County Community Health Action Team formed after an initial community meeting discussing the state of the county's health. The team quickly did a community assessment to begin identifying their health priorities. As a result of the assessment and other research, the partnership identified their priorities as being: immunization, responsible sexual behavior, substance abuse, access to health care, physical activity and injury prevention. The partnership's vision is to be one of the healthiest counties in the state by 2020.

Activities

- Approached Altus Chamber of Commerce to build a walking track around the new children's fun park.
- Held a Health Awareness Day offering free health screenings to all participants.
- Wild and Windy Walk held through Health Awareness Day.
- Established priority health issues for the partnership including: substance abuse, physical activity, injury prevention, and childhood and adult immunizations.
- 9,000 surveys sent to determine health concerns and needs in the community. Various members of the partnership donated copies of the survey.
- Developed a Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Successfully advocated for Altus City Council to pass a local seat belt ordinance.
- Selected as a pilot community for "Walk This Weigh."
- Planning Walk This Weigh yearly events.
- In planning phase of opening a community health clinic.
- Childhood immunization poster contest.
- Passed a 24/7 tobacco-free policy in Altus schools.
- Car seat check offering free child restraints to families.
- Established a committee to review research-based curricula on adolescent sexuality.
- Met with hospital and local physicians about using OSIIS (an immunization surveillance program) in their practices.

Outcomes

- Increased awareness of public health issues in the community.
- Partnership of strong, dedicated individuals committed to address the health issues of the community.
- Increased physical activity among county residents.
- Over 200 participants came through the health booths.
- Seat belt compliance rates increased.

Future Plans

- 24/7 tobacco free policy in all schools throughout county.
- Discussed with the city closing the road that circles the city's reservoir. The reservoir is a popular place for residents to go walking, ride their bikes and roller blade. By closing the road it would make the location a much safer environment.
- Open Community Health Clinic.
- Establish Safe Routes to School project.

Participants

- ACMI House
- Altus Air Force Base
- Altus Chamber of Commerce
- Altus City Planning Department
- Altus Police Department
- Altus Public Schools
- Blair Public Schools
- CASA of Southwest Oklahoma
- Communities of Promise
- Concerned Citizens
- Faith Community
- Jackson County Health Department
- Jackson County Memorial Hospital
- KeyB Radio Station
- Local Attorneys
- Local Physicians
- Oklahoma Highway Patrol
- Olustee City Clerk
- OSU Cooperative Extension Service
- RSVP
- Southwest Community Action
- Southwestern Youth Services
- State political leaders (Senator and Representative)
- United Way
- Western Oklahoma State College
- Wichita Mountains Prevention Network
- Workforce Oklahoma