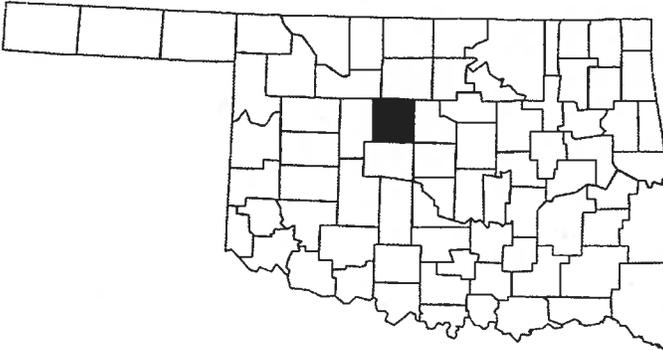


# KINGFISHER COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

Established in 2002



**K**ingfisher County Community Advisory Board was formed after a community meeting discussing the state of the county's health and as a result of an existing Kingfisher Collaborative. The Collaborative is an OCCY board and their focus is on children's issues. The community is committed to addressing the health issues impacting their residents young and old. Therefore, the Advisory Board was formed to address the issues that affect the entire population. Their first priority is to become an active living community. They are very interested in developing trails and promoting programs that will encourage physical activity in the residents everyday lives.

## Activities

- Survey of community to identify existing community groups and/or meetings.
- Distributed survey throughout Kingfisher County including: county fair, all county schools, churches, etc.
- Partnered with the Trails Committee to work on increasing physical activity in the community.
- Kingfisher County Collaborative (KCC), which began in 1997, identified the need for the school system to have access to a school nurse, school-based social worker, and mental health professional.
- School Nurse position established providing nursing services to children at the Kingfisher Public School in partnership with the Kingfisher County Health Department and the school system.
- The Department of Human Services and the Kingfisher School Administration partnered to hire a school-based social worker.
- A Mental Health Professional was hired by Wheatland Mental Health to work with children at the schools.
- Selected as a pilot community for "Walk this Weigh."
- Hired an Active Living Coordinator.

## Outcomes

- Increased awareness of health issues in the community.
- The school nurse has implemented many presentations at the elementary, middle school, high school and at a private school. Presentations included topics such as: seat belt safety, drunk driving, and hygiene.
- The school-based social worker has helped the school system and children by obtaining eyeglasses and finding providers for dental care. She conducts the program, "Bullying Prevention" and assists the school counselors in classroom presentations.
- The mental health professional provides child advocacy groups and parent resources; family, individual and group guidance counseling, and behavioral health services.
- The tutoring programs have helped with resolving truancy issues, provided health education presentations on topics such as smoking, alcohol abuse, violence prevention, drug prevention, character building and parenting skills.
- Kingfisher's Active Living coordinator was hired in August 2003. She has a lot of support from the community, especially Kingfisher Trails Committee, which submitted its Master Trails plan in a statewide competition and placed second.

## Future Plans

- Expand the partnership.
- Establish Safe Routes to Schools.
- Develop trails system in Kingfisher.

## Participants

- Business Community
- Concerned Citizens
- Kingfisher Chamber of Commerce
- Kingfisher County Clerk's Office
- Kingfisher County Department of Human Services
- Kingfisher County Health Department
- Kingfisher Hospital
- Kingfisher Public Schools
- Kingfisher Trails Committee
- Ministerial Alliance
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Russell-Murray Hospice
- St. Peter and Paul Private School
- Wheatland Mental Health