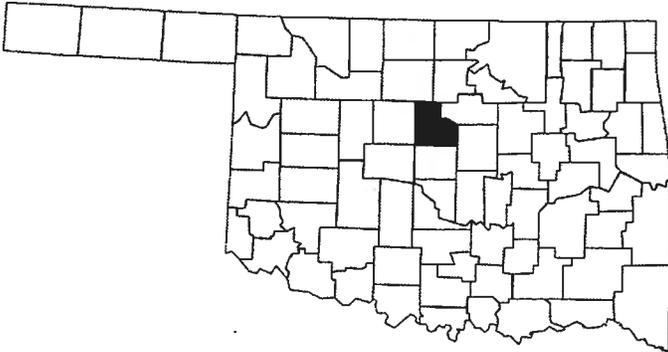


LOGAN COUNTY BETTER HEALTH COMMITTEE

Established in 1999



The Logan County Better Health Committee formed as a result of the OSU community health planning process and out of a networking meeting. Once the planning process was complete, the community realized there was much to be done to begin improving the health status of their community. The consensus was that a networking meeting was not the forum to begin addressing these issues. Therefore, the Better Health Committee began to meet and prioritize health issues while maintaining involvement with the networking meeting. Their priority issues are: substance abuse (tobacco, drugs, alcohol), physical activity, childhood and adult immunizations, and injury prevention.

Activities

- Set health priorities: substance abuse (tobacco, drugs, alcohol), physical activity, childhood and adult immunizations, and injury prevention.
- Received funding from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for an immunization van to visit local schools and daycares providing childhood vaccinations.
- Social Worker position created in partnership with Department of Human Services, United Way Success By Six Initiative, and Guthrie Public Schools.
- Partnered with Oklahoma University Center for Early Childhood Professional Development to provide education to child care centers.
- Applied for State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA) Grant in 1999.
- Conducted a phone survey to assess needs and attitudes of county residents in regard to health care.
- Host a free car seat check annually to promote the correct use and installation of child safety seat restraints.
- Established Oklahoma Parents As Teachers with strong leadership from the Logan County Health Department.

- Parent Resource Center established at Central School providing parents in the community resources for early childhood development.
- Bullying Prevention Education implemented in Guthrie Public Schools through partnership between the Logan County Health Department and school system.
- Implemented Risk Watch curriculum in Guthrie and Coyle Public Schools.
- Partnered with Guthrie Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) team to help make an impact on tobacco use in Guthrie area.

Outcomes

- Strong partnership with area agencies and a commitment to working on improving the health status of the community.
- Social Worker in Guthrie Public Schools is providing much needed services to the children, parents and teachers and making home visits when needed.
- Parent Resource Center established at Central School providing parents in the community resources for early childhood development.
- 4-year-old program implemented throughout Guthrie area providing early learning to all 4 year olds.
- Payne Education Center Training for early learning and literacy development for all childcare professionals in Logan County.
- Safe and Drug Free School Coordinator provides education in all Logan County Schools.
- School nurse position established providing nursing services to children at the Guthrie Public School in partnership with the Logan County Health Department and the school system.
- Strong partnership with area agencies and a commitment to working on improving the health status of the community.
- SWAT teams established at Guthrie Junior High and Guthrie High School—the largest teams in the state.

Future Plans

- Expand the Risk Watch Curriculum to Crescent and Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools.
- Establish and support SWAT teams in Crescent, Coyle, and Mulhall-Orlando.
- Administer the Youth Tobacco Survey in all county schools.
- Strengthen and expand partnership.
- Develop a Smoke Free Restaurant Guide.

- Aid the local SWAT teams with their activities.
- Work to change tobacco policies in the county schools to a 100 percent tobacco free environment.

Participants

- Citizens from Crescent, Mulhall, Langston, Coyle and Guthrie
- City of Guthrie
- COCCA
- County Commissioners
- Coyle Fire Department
- Coyle Housing Authority
- Coyle Schools
- Eagle Ridge Treatment Center
- Guthrie Fire Department
- Guthrie Police Department
- Guthrie Schools
- Headstart
- Job Corps
- Langston Police Department
- Langston University
- Logan County Department of Human Services
- Logan County Health Department
- Logan County Office of Workforce Development
- Logan County Youth and Family Service
- Logan Hospital
- Ministerial Alliance
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension
- United Way
- Wheatland Mental Health