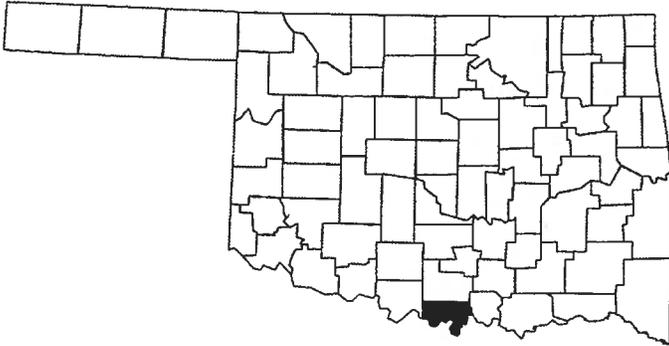


LOVE COUNTY

TURNING POINT COALITION

Established in 2002



Turning Point Love County brings together an amalgam of government, industry healthcare, and community groups who have a 12-year record of collaboration as the Task force on Child Abuse Prevention and the Coalition on Substance Abuse Prevention. Together, these groups formed the Turning Point partnership in October 2002 and conducted a community needs assessment. A health improvement plan was developed which called for a supervised walking trail complete with a mini-exercise and rest stations supervised by the Love County medical community. Trail construction funded by HUD is almost complete. Support programs such as smoking cessation, weight reduction programs and diabetic education programs are being implemented aimed at reducing heart disease and diabetes in Love County. The plan includes developing communication programs that create awareness and understanding of the benefits of active living. 10,000 copies of the first-ever community resource directory were distributed. The partnership noted recent economic growth in the community. This growth, in turn, resulted in the need to develop more leaders who could help guide Love County's future. Love County Leadership was born. The partnership raised over \$6000 to fund a yearlong leadership-training academy and recruited over 25 applicants for the inaugural class. A middle school mentoring program was implemented with 12 volunteers in the first class.

Activities

- Organized Turning Point Partnership.
- Fund raising.
- Planning process for Leadership Love County.

- Recruitment of leadership class.
- Developed curriculum for leadership class.
- Revitalized mentoring program for middle school children.
- Conducted County Health Needs Assessment.
- Evaluated the economic impact of health system in Love County.

Outcomes

- Partnership with formal structure.
- Established Leadership Love County.
- First leadership class started September 2003.
- Health and Social Services Directory.
- Partnership set top priority as Health and Fitness of Love County.

Future Plans

- Develop Health Improvement Plan
 - Active Living Promotion
 - Trails construction
 - Expand Mentoring Program to one county middle school

Participants

- Turner Schools
- Marietta Schools
- Marietta City
- Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma
- Barbara Sessions Communications
- Love County Health Center
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Department of Human Services
- Marietta Police Department
- Love County Health Department