

MCINTOSH COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH COALITION

Established in 2001—Received a SICA Grant for Three Years at \$300,000



Over the years the McIntosh County Community Health Coalition has gained many diverse partners. To date their partnership base is well over 200. There has been very positive feedback from the community on the various programs that have been implemented. Schools report lower number of fights, there are high scores on the post-test of many of the educational activities and the community garden continues to flourish and receive much attention from the community at large. By participating in the Walk This Weigh pilot program, the partnership has seen new stakeholders becoming involved and the awareness of the importance of community wellness has taken a front seat in the community.

Activities

- Developing alternatives to using drugs and alcohol.
- Improving decision-making, peer resistance skills, stress management, and problem solving skills.
- Providing awareness to the community regarding key issues and ways the community can get involved.
- Supporting positive changes in community norms and laws through environment policies.
- Working to prevent under age tobacco use.

Outcomes

- Created a website: <http://groups.msn.com/MCCOCO/home.htm>.
- Created strategic plan centered on three main goals:
 - To reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by minors.
 - To increase positive asset development, resilience, and social competencies that help prevent substance abuse and other problems among youth.
 - To increase the number of families that can provide effective parenting, supervision, and discipline of children.

- Objectives for accomplishing goals:
 - Coordinate existing services.
 - Provide community education.
 - Develop and support effective prevention activities.
 - Contribute to community building by participating in community activities and events which promote the goals.
- Coalition membership continues to grow.
- Referrals with partnership members have grown.
- Surveys of youth show that through the efforts of the coalition, the education and awareness of social and health issues has increased.
- The school reports a lower number of fights.
- Increased demand from parents to participate in programs.
- Funding continues to come from fundraisers, local businesses and in-kind.
- The coalition has sponsored fun events, back-to-school parties and retreats for kids.
- Established Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) with approximately 55 students.
- Sponsored the Family Zone at the annual fireworks party.
- Established Hummingbird Beach—a drug free recreation area.
- Established a community garden in the Eufaula area.
- Committee members teach classes in local schools.
- Supported Red Ribbon Week.
- Conducted Parent University seminars.
- Created Victim's Impact Panel.
- Supported and honored restaurants for being smoke free.
- Supported local law enforcement in efforts to prevent drug and alcohol use among teens.
- Worked on instituting keg registration.
- In fiscal year 2002, over 3,100 people in McIntosh County were served through these various projects.
- Approximately 55 volunteers support coalition efforts.
- Participating in the Walk This Weigh pilot program.

Participants

- Juvenile Services
- Eufaula Memorial Library
- Lake Eufaula Association
- Foster Parents
- Creek Nation Eufaula Boarding School
- OCCY
- Community Youth
- Radio
- Eufaula Public Schools
- P.A.R.B.
- Department Human Services

- Pittsburgh County SWAT
- McIntosh County Health Dept.
- Joyful Day Preschool
- Wesleyan Youth, Inc.
- Rep. State of Oklahoma
- Pizza Hut
- Victim's Impact Panel
- Hanna Public Schools
- First United Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church of Eufaula
- Wellington Hills Home
- Checotah Police Department
- Creek Nation Headstart
- Peoples National Bank
- Fountainhead State Park
- BEACON
- Limewater Ministries
- Muskogee Nation Lighthouse Police
- Retired Senior Volunteers
- Dentist
- 4-H Club
- American Cancer Society
- Deep Fork Community Action
- Checotah School Nurse
- Youth Services
- District Attorney's Drug Task Force
- District Judge
- Community Hospital Lakeview
- Stidham Public Schools
- Medical Doctor
- County Commissioner
- Sulphur Springs Baptist Church
- Chamber of Commerce
- God's Helping Hands
- Girl Scouts
- Choices for Life Foster Care, Inc.
- Indian Journal
- American Legion
- Out Back
- Checotah Public Schools
- R Steel and Sons
- Angels Touch Hospice
- B & J Insurance
- Checotah Main Street
- OK for Independent Living
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Home Health
- Green Country Behavioral Health
- Hanna House of Prayer
- Oklahoma Highway Patrol
- Youth Shelter
- Workforce Oklahoma
- Attorney
- Quest, Inc.
- Workforce in Action
- McIntosh County Sheriff Dept.
- K & L Karaoke