

PUSHMATAHA COUNTY

PUSHMATAHA COUNTY TURNING POINT COALITION

Established in 1996



The Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition (PCTPC) is very dedicated to the health of all Pushmataha county residents. Pushmataha County is located in the far southeast corner of Oklahoma. It has four primary communities of which Antlers is the county seat. In 1996, the PCTPC was formed as a result of a collaborative effort between community members who came together to address risk behaviors among their youth following a Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted in all county schools. It was then entitled the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force and later the Promoting Assessts in Youth—PAYDAY Coalition. The original purpose for the development of the coalition was to serve as a steering committee and provide community-based input for the County Health Department's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. Since that time, the coalition has adopted many roles towards mobilizing the community in addressing various health issues. The PCTPC presently consists of many community members who work together for a common purpose—to promote and sustain healthy lifestyles throughout the community.

Activities

- Awarded the SICA grant to implement a community-based substance abuse prevention program.
- Partnered with county hospital and OSU Cooperative Extension Service to implement community needs assessment focusing on health care needs and access.
- Applied for community-based drug prevention grant with Moyers and Clayton public school systems.
- Applied for Access to Health Care Grant addressing health care transportation needs for county residents.
- Showcased the PUSH! for Positive Action program at the Annual Safe School Summit, Oklahoma City.
- After School Programs in Clayton and Rattan implemented.
- Applied for Parks and Recreation Grant to develop trails.
- Started the strategic planning process.

Outcomes

- Implemented the SICA grant, hiring two full time staff and developed a substance abuse prevention program to implement county wide.
- Developed a mentoring program utilizing high school youth.
- Developed three SWAT teams.
- Developed a county resource directory.
- Awarded Safe and Drug Free School Grant for four years
- Awarded Oklahoma Rural Community Foundation Grant.
- Awarded contract with the OSDH for a county wide Abstinence Education program—\$98,000.
- Awarded Century 21 Grant for Rattan Public Schools.
- Implemented a Summer Arts Camp Program.

Future Plans

- Expand the partnership.
- Assess three-year strategic plan.

Participants

- Antlers Public School system
- Clayton Public School system
- Moyers Public School system
- Rattan Public School system
- Bearcats Against Drugs
- First Baptist Church
- Volunteer Fire Departments in Antlers, Moyers, Rattan, Clayton and Finley communities
- Finley Community Board
- Finley Senior Food Nutrition Center
- Pushmataha County Health Department
- City Police
- Senior Citizens
- Antlers American
- Little Dixie Community Action Agency
- Mental Health Counseling Center
- First Bank
- Ameristate Bank
- City Manager
- Local Youth
- Pushmataha County Sheriff's Department
- Antlers Chamber of Commerce
- Pushmataha County Development
- Clayton First Baptist Church
- Choctaw Nation