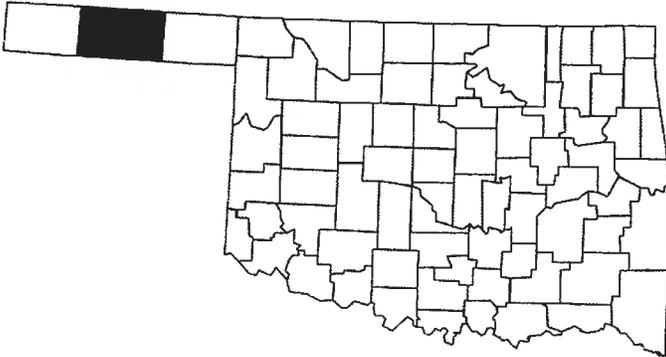


TEXAS COUNTY

TEXAS COUNTY TURNING POINT PARTNERSHIP

Established in 1998—One of the Three Original Pilot Communities



Texas County is one of the original three pilot Turning Point counties. The partnership has continued to grow and produce numerous outcomes without receiving any implementation funds. The community is determined and committed to improving their overall health.

Activities

- Developed Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Coordinated Walk This Way in all county schools for 2003-04 school year.
- Co-sponsored Hispanic Leadership Program at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.
- Advocated for rural and municipal representation on Emergency Medical Service board.
- Developing on-site day care program for high schools and university.
- Made application for STEP grant.
- Preliminary planning on Teen Pregnancy Program.
- Needs assessment for Hooker Pharmacy.
- Partnership conducted a community health assessment.
- Compiled Community Health Resource Manual.
- Hosted the annual Cystic Fibrosis Walk-A-Thon.
- Reviewed the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Applied for grant to conduct Health Rocks program—a youth health program that focuses on reducing tobacco usage in youth.
- One day planning strategy to outline initiatives.
- Co-sponsored a conference that was held at the Guymon High School. The topic was violence awareness.
- Co-sponsored with the fire department, car seat safety during the local Family Affair event.
- Participated in the local Pioneer Day Parade, and Centennial Celebration Parade.

- Hosted the first annual Cystic Fibrosis Walk-A-Thon in over ten years, and raised almost \$2,000.
- Created and promoted the Write Stuff program. This provides materials for all children in need of school supplies in Texas County.
- Utilizing state Texas County Turning Point Partnership (TCTPP) resource persons to coordinate a plan utilizing the Logic Model for our top priority health concern.
- One day planning strategy to outline our initiatives.
- Co-sponsored child safety seat program with Texas County fire departments.

Outcomes

- Sponsored a county wide conference on poverty.
- TCTPP representation on Hispanic Advisory Council.
- Staff assigned to TCTPP for support, from Texas County Health Department.
- Formalized partnership with the Hispanic Advisory Council.
- City of Guymon insurance carrier providing prevention coverage.
- Provided school health training.
- Created a Logic Model Plan to focus on our top health priority.
- Walk This Way in all county schools for 2003-04 school year.
- Hosted the annual Cystic Fibrosis Walk-A-Thon, and raised \$2,000.
- Provided the Write Stuff Program for school children.
- Developed Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Received a grant to conduct Health Rocks program.
- Partnership prioritized health issues identified by the community.
- Partnership focus would be on creating positive change within our communities by partnering to help reduce communication/language barriers. A primary concern was the increase in the Hispanic population without adequate resources and lack of services available to communicate and assist these persons with their health needs.
- Assessment of the literacy of the Hispanic population.
- Development of a resource manual for translation services.
- Held two day conference on Celebrating Diversity.
- Initiated programs to break down cultural barriers.

Future Plans

- Participate in the A-Family A-Fair.
- Collaborate with the Partnership Council on implementing health improvement programs.
- Move forward with the Logic Model to reduce the communication/language barriers in the county.
- Identify resources for TCTPP funding for future endeavors.
- Provide Cultural Sensitivity Training for Texas County employers.
- Coordinate Hispanic Issues Group.
- Improve communication and reduce language barriers, thereby creating healthier communities, countywide.
- Increase TCTPP membership.

Participants

- Chamber of Commerce
- Cities of Guymon, Goodwell, Hardesty, Hooker, Texhoma

- Department of Human Services
- Faith Community
- Guymon Daily Herald
- Guymon School System
- Local Citizens
- Memorial Hospital of Texas County
- Next Step Network
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point staff
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Texas County Fire Department
- Texas County Health Department
- Texas County Residents
- Texas County School Systems
- Texas County Turning Point Partnership