The original Choctaw County Coalition was established in 1996, to provide input for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program implemented by the local county health department. This group of individuals was very active throughout the community in addressing the high teen pregnancy rates in Choctaw County. Since its development, the coalition has expanded its priority focus from adolescent health issues to include comprehensive health and wellness, community beautification/economic development, recreation, collaboration and networking, youth and family enrichment and education.

The role of the coalition provides guidance for implementation of multiple prevention and intervention grants and coalition action plans.

The coalition has provided the necessary leadership to mobilize the community around important issues that have been identified by the community members it serves. Within this coalition's Turning Point framework, committees continuously work to address specific issues, which correspond to objectives adopted by the partnership.

For the past seven years this coalition has joined with two other coalitions to address tobacco control and prevention as the Project SPIT Consortium. This consortium has seen many social norm changes in regards to tobacco control and prevention.

In 2011 the coalition as part of the Tri County LEAN Team Consortium was awarded a TSET grant to address nutrition and physical activity.

“What you need to know about the past is that no matter what has happened, it has all worked together to bring you to this very moment.
**Mission Statement**

The CCC will build partnerships to achieve and sustain a progressive safe, healthy and positive community.

**Vision**

To have a safe and healthy community!

**Officers 2011**

Martha Bloodworth  
Chairperson

Randy Mayfield  
Vice Chairperson

Linda Byrd  
Secretary

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**Funding**

**Project SPIT Consortium**  
Communities of Excellence in Tobacco Control and Prevention  
$63,300.00 ~ GY 2010-11

**LEAN Team Tri County Consortium**  
Communities of Excellence in Nutrition and Fitness  
$30,000.00 ~ GY 2011-12

**Systems of Care**  
$100,000.00  
GY 2011-12

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**Outcomes**

- Community Needs Assessment
- Community Involvement/Strategic Planning Update
- School Policy Development/Adoption
- Boys/Girls Club/Mentor Program Development
- Walking Trails/ City Park Restoration
- Alliance for a Healthier Generation
- Systems of Care—Wrap Around Case Management
- School Curriculum Implementation on: Substance Abuse and Tobacco Prevention,
Domestic Violence and Bullying
- Community Trash Off/Beautification
- Project S.P.I.T. Consortium ~Tobacco Control Activities
- Senior Citizen Hip Hop Dance
- Community Awareness Booths—Health Promotion
- Choctaw Memorial Hospital bi-monthly seminars on health
- 2M2L—Underage Drinking Prevention
- Sedentary Lifestyle Prevention Initiatives
- Application for Drug Free Community Grant
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Literacy Education
- Boys/Girls Club National Night Out
- Care Pregnancy Center Baby Shower
- Reward/Reminder Visits and Compliance Checks on Underage Drinking

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**Impacts**

- Choctaw Memorial Hospital adopted  
24/7 No Tobacco Campus
- Youth Services  
Choctaw County adopted  
24/7 No Tobacco Campus
- City of Soper adopted Clean Indoor Air ordinance
- City of Soper adopted Youth Access Ordinance
- Kiamichi Technology Center adopted 24/7 No Tobacco Policy