



About Us...

In 1998, this coalition became one of three original pilot programs for Oklahoma Turning Point. Funding was awarded through the Robert Woods Johnson and Kellogg Foundations. Cherokee County Community Health Coalition has continued to meet regularly. The purpose of the CCCHC is to provide a forum whereby its independent members may join together to plan, share resources, and develop strategies to assist in the implementation of programs addressing the health status and health care needs of Cherokee County citizens.

One of the partnerships priorities of Health Information Tech-

nology is addressed through SMRTNET, a premier Electronic Health Information Exchange, originated in Cherokee County, under the vision and guidance of the Cherokee Health Services Council, which was established to serve as a fiscal body to receive funding for health related projects. SMRTNET provides quick and secure access to patient health information from other member providers at the point of care, ensuring accurate information regarding health conditions, past injuries or illness, and medication information.

Another priority of the Cherokee County Community Health Coalition is Tobacco Control and prevention. This is addressed

through ongoing activities of the Cherokee County Communities of Excellence Tobacco Control Program. Currently in its eighth year of funding, the program continues to make progress with city, school, and workplace policy changes, promotion of the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline, and activities to monitor retailer compliance with State Youth Access to Tobacco laws.

On this year's Annual County Health Ranking Report, Cherokee County received a Health Outcomes score of 44, and a Health Factors score of 58. These scores have continued to improve each year since the ranking reports began in 2010.



Partnership Priorities

- Health Education (Physical Fitness & Nutrition)
- Tobacco Prevention
- Health Information Technology

Purpose

The purpose of the Coalition is to provide a forum whereby its members may join together to plan, share resources, and implement strategies and programs through the Cherokee County Health Services Council to address the health care needs of Cherokee County citizens.

Activities

The Cherokee County Community Health Coalition has embarked on the process of creating a County Health Improvement Plan, by engaging in the MAPP process. Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership is a tool to guide communities through the process of organizing for success, assessing the current health status, along with trends or events that have or may impact the County, and then devising a plan that addresses the identified health priorities. This process strengthens the links between organizations that contribute to public health.

Outcomes/Impacts

- ◇ *Clean Indoor Air Ordinance passed in Hulbert*
- ◇ *24/7 No Tobacco School Policy passed in Woodall Public Schools*
- ◇ *Updated Youth Access to Tobacco Ordinance passed in Hulbert*

Partnerships

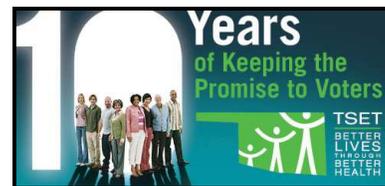
- ◇ Cherokee Nation, Healthy Nation
- ◇ Cherokee County Health Department
- ◇ OSU Extension Service
- ◇ Northeast Area Health Education Center
- ◇ Tahlequah Public Schools
- ◇ Cherokee County Health Services Council
- ◇ Northeastern State University
- ◇ Cookson Hills Community Action
- ◇ Communities of Excellence Tobacco Control Program
- ◇ NEO Health
- ◇ Tahlequah Daily Press
- ◇ Health Services Council
- ◇ Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah
- ◇ Go Ye Village
- ◇ Tahlequah City Hospital
- ◇ Chamber of Commerce
- ◇ The Current Alternative News
- ◇ Help In Crisis

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Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

-Henry Ford