Choctaw County Coalition

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About Us...

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 it's 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.

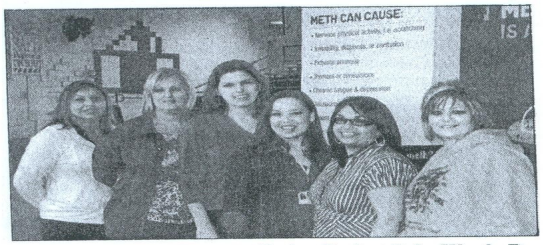
The coalition has provided the necessary leadership to mobilize the community around important issues that have been identified by the community members it serves. Within this coalition's Turning Point framework, committees continuously work to address specific issues, which correspond to objectives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

March Against Meth message shared



Devania Rowell, Choctaw Nation Project Safe; Wendy Dewitt, Health Department SWAT; Laura Ross Wallis, District Attorney, Region 17 Drug Task Force; Sandy Hall, Choctaw Nation Lifetime Legacy; Kristi Adams, Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles; and Robbie Mullins, SOIC/APRC.

Wendy Dewitt with SWAT visits with students at Hugo Jr. High during the March Against Meth.

Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles partnered with District Attorney Laura Wallis and the Region 17 Drug Task Force, Hugo Police Department, Valliant House Residential Rehab, Choctaw Nation Lifetime Legacy, Choctaw Nation Project Safe, Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board, Oklahoma State Department of Health SWAT, SOIC/Area Prevention Resource Center, and Kiamichi Council on Alcoholism to March Against Meth at the Hugo Jr. High and Fort Towson School, along with Eagletown, Idabel Middle School and Valliant Middle School. The presentations from the different programs lasted about one hour.

Valliant House participants gave the students first-hand knowledge from their personal stories on how meth affected their life. Lifetime Legacy covered gateway drug dangers and effects on the body.

D.A. Wallis, along with a Task Force Agent, spoke of the dangers of meth.

Students were asked as they marched the halls of their schools, to remember all law enforcement that lost their life in the fight against meth.

Partnership Priorities

Comprehensive Health

Community Beautification/ Economic Development

Recreation

Collaboration *and* Networking

Youth *and* Family Enrichment *and* Education

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

Funding

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

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

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

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 *adopte* Youth Access Ordinance

Kiamichi Technology Center adopted 24/7 No Tobacco Policy

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