



## About Us...

The Garvin County Health Coalition formed five years ago as the Pauls Valley Health Coalition. In 2012, the coalition voted to become an official Turning Point Partnership and changed their name to reflect county wide initiatives. One of the main activities of the coalition is to host an annual wellness fair for residents of the county. The coalition will host their 4th Annual wellness fair in October 2014.

This county wide coalition is working to promote healthy living for all citizens of Garvin County and to create a healthier place to live, work, and play.

The coalition has developed a strategic plan to allow them to fo-

cus their efforts on designated priorities.

In 2014, the coalition will focus on promotion and increased awareness of the certified healthy programs with businesses, schools and communities. This promotion is vital to ensure all partners are involved in increasing awareness of a healthier Garvin County.

Capacity building is a primary focus of the coalition this year. Our focus is to involve non traditional partners to the coalition. We have succeeded in building our coalition with several new partnerships from around the county. By exploring opportunities to recruit new members and to involve additional sectors. We have had several lo-

cal events to inform the public on the importance of a healthier lifestyle. Also we are seeking opportunities for funding in order to expand our efforts in the community.

In June 2014, the Garvin County Health Coalition joined forces with the City of Pauls Valley to host the OKFREE WHEEL event. The Oklahoma Free Wheel event is a bike tour across Oklahoma from Texas/Oklahoma state line to Oklahoma/Kansas state line. Were over 500 riders participate from all ages to all sorts of bicycles. The City of Pauls Valley provided a fun family friendly events with a an over night stay for all the riders camping in the park.



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### Coalition Contact

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### Partnership Priorities

- ◇ Nutrition & Fitness– Access to Fresh Fruits & Vegetables, Community Gardens
- ◇ Mental Health– Explore Systems of Care
- ◇ Substance Abuse– Encourage Tobacco free facilities
- ◇ Promote 24/7 Tobacco Free Policy
- ◇ Monitoring Emerging Issues

**Mission Statement**

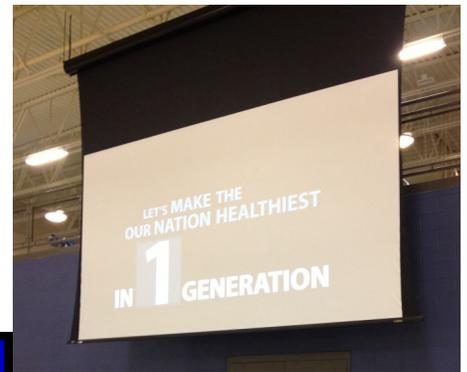
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**Activities**

- Coalition Membership Recruitment
- Coalition Promotion
- Drug Prevention & Awareness Program
- Certified Healthy Programs Promotion
- Underage Drinking Prevention

**Outcomes/Impacts**

- ◇ Implementing Strategic Planning 2013
- ◇ 3rd Annual Wellness Fair Planning 2013
- ◇ Underage Drink Prevention Campaign 2013
- ◇ Community Garden 2013—Valley Harvest Community Garden of Pauls Valley



**Partnerships**

*The greatest wealth is health  
~ Unknown*

- City of Pauls Valley
- Donald W. Reynolds Recreation Center
- Garvin County Health Department
- Garvin/McClain County Youth and Family Services
- Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Federation of Families
- Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Pauls Valley Main Street
- Pauls Valley United Fund
- Safe Kids of Oklahoma
- South Central Medical & Resource Center
- The Chickasaw Nation
- OSDH Turning Point
- Wichita Mountains Prevention Network
- Volunteers
- Varangaon Academy

**Funding**

- ◇ Underage Drinking Prevention Campaign—Wichita Mountains Prevention Network
- ◇ Pauls Valley United Fund