

Harper County Turning Point Partnership

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2009

Coalition Priorities:

1. Underage Drinking
2. Youth Access to Alcohol
3. Physical Activity
4. Senior Housing

About Us...

Harper County Turning Point Partnership is currently working on many different objectives. One is developing a Senior Housing Complex. The Harper County Development Authority, created to act as the governing board, meets once a month to work on the senior housing project. Plans for the complex have been approved, developer and underwriter secured, and are awaiting final approval from the USDA.

The youth committee's work on underage drinking continues by partnering with the 2M2L Club and in the spring held a mock wreck and currently are creating posters to promote positive role models using high school students who are drug and alcohol free.

The two mile recreational trail has been completed and construction will soon begin to complete the trail to the school utilizing the Safe Routes to School Grant.

The Crystal Darkness town hall meeting last January provided an excellent opportunity for the community to voice their concerns and for law enforcement to enable and encourage citizens to be proactive in their community. Recently Harper County recorded their biggest drug bust in history.

Partners:

Bank of Laverne
Laverne Public Schools
City of Laverne
Leader Tribune
Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point Staff
OSU Extension
Senior Citizens
Local Citizens
Harper Co. Sheriff's Office
Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Laverne Lumber Company
Oklahoma State Department of Transportation
Buffalo Economic Development Director
City of Buffalo
Northwest APRC
Buffalo First Baptist Church
Department of Human Services
Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
Laverne Police Department

Key Activities:

- ◆ Held Crystal Darkness Town Hall meeting
- ◆ Continue to address issues related to drug use
- ◆ Working with 2M2L Club to promote underage drinking initiatives
- ◆ Working with community partners to complete Safe Routes to School Grant
- ◆ Implementing Body Recall classes three times per week in Laverne
- ◆ Worked with developer on underwriter for funding on senior housing

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Completed two mile recreational trail
- ◆ Received Safe Routes to School grant for \$125,000 for addition to recreational trail
- ◆ Over 60 people attended Crystal Darkness Town Hall meeting
- ◆ Assisted 2M2L Club with mock wreck for all 6th through 12th grade Laverne students
- ◆ Secured underwriter and waiting on approval for USDA loan application regarding senior housing funding

