



## About Us...

Since becoming a Turning Point partnership in late 2006 Hughes County Turning Point has expanded the partnership to not just provide an opportunity for important community networking but provide resources and services to the County.

They are very dedicated to preventing tobacco, drug and alcohol use in area youth and work closely with the APRC and Tri-County Tobacco control on these efforts. They have participated in Red Ribbon Week activities, Great American Smokeout, Alcohol Awareness Month, Kick Butts Day and World No Tobacco

Day. They also worked to support local efforts to apply and now sustain a locally Qualified Health Center in Wetumka. In partnership with the faith community, Indian Health Services and several other local partners they have offered Summer Fun Camps to get kids active and learn how to be more healthy through education and participation in activities.

Hughes County Turning Point Coalition has recently partnered with the OK Federation of Families and Seminole County Systems of Care to begin working on establishing a Systems of Care project in Hughes County. They are

hopeful that funding for the project will become available this year and they can bring this valuable resource to their community.

The Coalition has just started exploring the MAPP- Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships - process and is planning to assess community needs, priorities, and assets, and assist the community in developing a Community Health Improvement Plan.

Though this is a young coalition they are actively working to positively impact the health of their communities and county.



## Partnership Priorities

- Tobacco Control
- Community networking and information sharing
- Youth education and empowerment
- Providing education, resources and services to families
- Alcohol tobacco and other drug prevention
- Child and Family Health
- Access to Health Care
- Addressing health inequity and disparities



Hughes County, OK

*"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."*

– Henry Ford

## Community Profile: Strengths and Challenges

Hughes County is a very rural county in Eastern Oklahoma with a population of just over 14,000. The county may be small but this allows for a feeling of community and the ability to come together in the time of need. The county has and continues to have a very high number of Native American Residents and its area is shared by several Tribes.

Though the county is rural and has limited resources they have some areas in which they are seeing growth and improvement which continue to enhance the community. Access to health care is increasing through the development and growth of a FQHC, expansion of Indian Health and Creek Nation Health

Services and the expansion of services offered through the county hospital. Programs such as Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Medical Reserve Corp, KATS public transportation and local Food Banks are coming to the community. Other development including new job openings and enhanced downtown and main street projects are in the works as well.

This diverse county has numerous resources but continues to have many issues poorly affecting it's citizens' health. The county has high rates of poverty, unemployment, is consistently leading the state in number of grandparents raising grandchildren and poor access to healthy foods and recrea-

tional areas.

Hughes County continues to struggle with poor health status and rankings many times higher than national and state averages. The county ranked 50th out of the 77 counties in Health Outcomes with a premature death rate considerably higher than the state rate and more than double the national rate. In Health Factors they were 74th of the 77 counties. Factors contributing to this ranking include very high rates of adult smoking, adult obesity, and teen birth rates; many uninsured adults and poor access to health care; higher than average rates of children in poverty, and inadequate social support.

## Description of Assessments

The Hughes County Turning Point Coalition has begun work in a couple of areas of MAPP-Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships. We have collected information from within the coalition and are now ready to look at some

external information and broad community input.

The first assessment is the Health Status Survey. The Partnership has begun to compile and review a variety of different local and state level assessments on health, demographics and other relevant data. Upon reviewing the data the committee will complete a gap analysis of any information needed to move forward with developing the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and gather additional information.

The coalition has also begun the Mobilizing for Suc-

cess step in MAPP. We are actively engaging and recruiting new members to the coalition and committee. We feel that to have a useful and comprehensive assessment of our community we need to include a diverse and representative group of citizens to have input into our process and product.

As a part of our next steps, several community members recently participated in a training on MAPP and we hope to develop a timeline and path for the completion of assessments and very soon a Community Health Improvement Plan.



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## Partnership Outcomes

- ◆ Community Awareness Raised/5320 Campaign
- ◆ Community Education Initiatives
- ◆ Tobacco Education
- ◆ Tobacco Policies Adopted
- ◆ Addition Partners Gained
- ◆ 24/7 Tobacco Free School Policies
- ◆ APRC funded

## Partners

Area Prevention Resource Center

Deep Fork Community Action

OSU Extension

Hughes County Health Department

Systems of Care

Multi County Inc

CREOKS

Wetumka Schools

Holdenville General Hospital

Tri-County Tobacco Prevention

Hughes County Drug Court

Elected Officials

Wes Watkins Technology Center

Citizens Security Bank

Hughes County DHS

Wetumka Chamber of Commerce

City of Wetumka

Area Schools

Local Law Enforcement

Wewoka Indian Health Services

East Central OK Family Health Center

ODMHSAS

Faith Community

OK Federation of Families

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

