

Jefferson County Turning Point Partnership

Jefferson County

2010

Coalition Priorities:

- ◆ Positive Youth Development
- ◆ Nutrition/Obesity
- ◆ Substance Abuse
- ◆ Parental Education/Involvement

About Us...

The Jefferson County Board of Health is credited for the development of the countywide coalition. It was in 2006 when they began talking about the need to engage the county to address the health issues impacting the residents. The board of Health initiated a "Call to Action" meeting and the Jefferson County responded. Since that initial meeting, the Jefferson County Turning Point Coalition has met on a monthly basis to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their county and worked to reduce duplication of services and leverage resources to improve the quality of life for county residents..

Jefferson county is a fairly small and rural county but a group of community leaders faithfully meet each month to discuss needs and develop a plan of action. The Coalition meets on the **4th Monday of each month** at 12:00 noon at the Jefferson County Health Department, 107 E. Anderson in Waurika.

Key Activities:

- Developed a Consortium with Stevens County to address tobacco use in the community.
- Car Safety Seat Check
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Smart Start float entry at Waurika Christmas Parade.
- Coalition members were educated on topics such as underage drinking, healthy disparities, and parenting issues facing community members.
- Promoted 24/7 tobacco free policies in all county schools
- Town Hall meeting on underage drinking
- Hygiene Classes in local schools
- Coalition membership recruitment

Partners:

Jefferson Co Health Dept.
OSU Extension
Waurika Schools
Jefferson Co Board of Health
Faith Community
Concerned Citizens
Waurika News Democrat
Jefferson County Hosp.
OESC/Workforce
Jefferson County DHS
Wichita Mountain Prevention Resource Center
Smart Start
City of Waurika

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Community Coalition working together to make a difference in the health and lives of Jefferson County residents.
- ◆ Working committee pursuing youth recreational facility
- ◆ Hosted Car Safety Seat Checks
- ◆ Hosted Bicycle Safety Events
- ◆ Hosted Domestic Violence Vigi
- ◆ Hosted Child Care Classes

