

# Kiowa County Community Coalition

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2009

## Coalition Priorities:

1. Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs
2. Immunizations
3. Parenting
4. Active Living

## Key Activities:

- Reviewed and Updated Strategic Plan
- Researched local underage drinking ordinances
- Meeting with key community leaders about passing local underage drinking ordinances
- Operation Storefront
- Youth partnered with local police to address underage drinking issue by conducting shoulder taps and compliance checks.
- Promotion of Crystal Darkness Campaign
- Gruen Von Brehens spit tobacco presentation at local schools
- Tobacco Prevention billboards placed in county.
- Presentations in local schools by law enforcement officials during March Against Meth week.
- Community meeting with County Health Dept Administrator presenting Seasonal Flu and H1N1 information.
- Approached Hobart Schools about passing 24/7 tobacco free policy
- Smoke detector project to bring awareness to dangers of smoking

## Partners:

Hobart Chamber of Commerce  
Kiowa County Health Dept.  
Hobart School  
Elk View General Hospital  
City of Hobart  
Lone Wolf School  
Great Plains Youth and Family Services  
Red Rock Area Prev Resource Center  
Kiowa Co. Dept of Human Services  
Hobart Police Dept  
Kiowa Co Sheriff Office  
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## About Us...

The Kiowa County Community Coalition, began the year by reviewing and editing the existing action plan. Underage drinking and tobacco use among youth remain a focus of the coalition. However, members decided to redirect some of their efforts toward reducing and preventing childhood obesity. Their first step toward this goal was to partner with Hobart Elem. School and the City of Hobart to apply for SRTS funding. The committee is beginning conversations on how to make Kiowa County a place where active living is a way of life.

## Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Awarded Communities of Excellence Grant through TSET.
- ◆ Coalition members trained in tobacco use prevention and the industry's tactics to get youth to use their product
- ◆ Media Minute—partnered with local radio station to have a daily one minute health and wellness message.
- ◆ Applied for Safe Routes to School grant through ODOT
- ◆ Hosted Farm to You Exhibit
- ◆ Hobart Schools passed 24/7 Tobacco Free policy!
- ◆ Engaged and Active SWAT teams

